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For foreigners entering the NMI, proof of vaccination now a must

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A new international air policy that requires all foreign national travelers to be fully vaccinated before entering the United States, including the CNMI and Guam, took effect starting last Monday.

According to the U.S State Department's website, starting on Nov. 8, foreign national air travelers to the United States will be required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination status prior to boarding an airplane

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CNMI COVID case total now 369

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The CNMI's COVID-19 case total is now 369, with another nine individuals identified as positive, according to a Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. news release Tuesday night.

The CHCC statement said the nine new cases were found through travel testing and contact tracing on Nov. 8 and that all nine have been quarantined and are being monitored.

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Universal Garbage Collection is an investment in our people, not a cost

TRASH TALK

By GARY SWORD
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The other day someone asked me why it is important for the Marianas to develop a universal garbage collection plan now. I told them that there's a sense of urgency to provide the service for many important reasons, one of which is that it is an investment in our people's health, quality of life, and future. Moreover, we need to protect our environment and natural resources from pollution before it's too late.

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ELSA GOES DIVING
Green Flash Dive underwater pumpkin carving participant Ron Snyder is dressed as Elsa in Walt Disney's *Frozen*.
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New law lifts time limit on civil claims for child sex abuse

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed into law yesterday a bill that now authorizes the filing of civil claims for child sexual abuse at any time.

In signing the bill into law, Torres said this gives affected children the opportunity to re-

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AT A GLANCE

As of 8:12pm, Nov. 10, 2021

VACCINATIONS IN THE CNMI

Eligible Population Fully Vaccinated: 84.1%

Days since last community transmission: 2

Pfizer/BioNTech	
Initiated:	31,451
Fully Vaccinated:	29,999
Moderna	
Initiated:	4,919
Fully Vaccinated:	4,747
Janssen	
Fully vaccinated:	913

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	18,752	61	18,813
Recovered	15,805	389	16,194
Active	2,300	61	2,361
Deaths	255	3	258

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	360	9	369
Traced via Travel Screening	261	1	262
Traced via Community Screening	99	8	107
Deaths	3	0	3

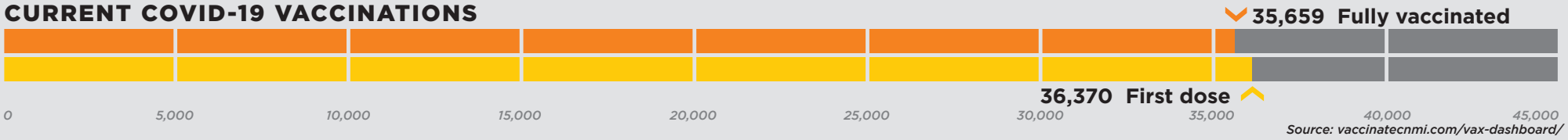
Source: Joint Information Center – Guam, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., https://www.vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

CURRENT COVID-19 VACCINATIONS



Source: vaccinatecnmi.com/vax-dashboard/

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The submarine tender USS *Frank Cable* departs Saipan last Nov. 1 after an R&R.

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"It's time to decarbonize. It's time to decolonize and it's time to demilitarize."

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LIFE & STYLE
Paul Rudd has been crowned as 2021's Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine.

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Precinct 5

HEALTH FAIR

"Health is the BEST Wealth"

November 20th 8A.M.-12P.M

At Kagman Community Center

COME AND JOIN US!

- Health Education
- Awareness & Fitness Activities
- Free Flu Shots
- CHCC Maternal, Infant, Child & Adolescents Health (MICAH) Programs.

Healthy grab and go lunch will be provided for all!

* While supplies last

All COVID safety guidelines will be followed for safe participation

*This event is approved by the Covid Task Force.

Local

DFEMS admin moves to Capital Hill

The Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services' administrative branch has officially moved from Fire Station 1 in Susupe to Capital Hill following the completion of two of the department's four newly renovated offices.

The four new offices, made possible through the Administrative Planning of Infrastructure Development, will be uses for the Division of Fire Prevention and Arson Investigation, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, Records and Data, the Administrative Office, and the DFEMS' Command Center.

Two of the four new buildings are already being used for the DFPAI and the Office of the Commissioner while finishing touches are being done on the last two buildings.

According to DFEMS spokesperson Rob Mojica, the new buildings will lay the foundation for future growth, and contribute to the efficiency, effectivity, and ability of DFEMS in keeping the people of the Commonwealth safe.

"DFEMS was operating all its administrative function out of Station 1 Susupe with approximately 40 personnel. However, during the administrative planning of infrastructure development, Gov. Ralph [DLG] Torres and [DFEMS] Commissioner Dennis Mendiola wanted to separate the administrative function from emergency service to allow a better 'quality of life' for firefighters in the fire house. Ultimately, this will allow the fire stations to be strictly a fire house and prevent any impediment of its vital services," he said.

DFEMS will soon move into its next phase and start renovating its fire stations. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***

Public invited to free health fair

The public is invited to attend the "Health is the BEST Wealth" fair on Nov. 20, a Saturday, at the Kagman Community Center, from 8:30am to 12pm.

This is an event planned for CNMI residents, especially those living in the Precinct 5 community, to promote active healthy activities and provide access to a variety of exhibitors who will share outreach and educational topics.

How will it work? Community participants will get a passport at registration. For every activity they participate in or exhibitor they visit, they will get a stamp. Once they go through the exhibits and activities, they will get a giveaway that promotes healthy activity, like sports equipment and the like. There will also be a finale raffle with a grand prize of a Fitbit! All participants who complete their passport will automatically be included in the raffle. Finally, a healthy grab-and-go lunch will be provided for all participants, while supplies last.

This event is sponsored by the offices of Precinct 5 representatives and has been approved by the COVID-19 Task Force. The COVID-19 safety guidelines of the 3-W's will be enforced: Wash your hands, Wear a Mask, Watch your distance.

We are looking for interested volunteers for this and other events. Attend an online informational meeting to learn about this event. After the meeting volunteers can sign up

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Six more COVID-19 deaths in Guam

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The Joint Information Center in Guam reported Tuesday the island's six most recent COVID-19-related deaths, including two deaths from September and October that were previously unreported.

The JIC also reported Tuesday that 38 individuals in Guam are hospitalized with COVID-19. Of the hospitalized individuals aged 12 and older, 18 are vaccinated and 19 are unvaccinated. One individual aged 11 or younger is hospitalized.

Guam's 250th COVID-19-related death was an unvaccinated 92-year-old female with underlying health conditions. She was a known positive case and was pronounced dead at the Guam Regional Medical City on Sept. 11. The 251st was an unvaccinated 70-year-old male with underlying health conditions. He tested positive for COVID-19 on Oct. 10 and was pronounced dead at GRMC on Oct. 24.

The 252nd was an unvaccinated 72-year-old male with underlying health conditions. he tested positive on Nov. 1 and was pronounced dead at the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam on Nov. 5.

The 253rd was a fully vaccinated 81-year-old female with underlying health conditions. She tested positive on Oct. 30 and was pronounced dead at GRMC on Nov. 8.

The 254th was a fully vaccinated 72-year-old male with underlying health conditions. He tested positive on Oct. 29 and was pronounced dead at the Guam Memorial Hospital on Nov. 8.

The 255th was an unvaccinated 74-year-old female with underlying health conditions. She tested positive on Nov. 9 and was pronounced dead at GMH on Nov. 9.

In a statement she provided to the JIC, Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero said Tuesday that Guam's efforts against COVID-19 "will not waver" and advised the Guam community to go back to the basics in terms of mitigation measures against COVID-19.

"[Guam Lt. Gov.] Josh [Tenorio], [first gentleman] Jeff [Cook], and I are deeply saddened with each report of losses from our community. We grieve with the island and pray the memories of them bring solace in these difficult times," said Leon Guerrero. "Even though we remain in the clutches of the COVID-19 virus, our efforts will not waver. The basic mitigation measures, including wearing your mask, washing your hands, watching your distance, and getting vaccinated remain the greatest defenses in this fight."

PUBLIC

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on the teams. Employment opportunities are available too!

Attend the meeting on Goggle Meets for more information this Saturday, Nov. 13, 11am. Online link: meet.google.com/spz-hbpy-mix. The meeting won't be long! ***(PR)***

Doram tops underwater pumpkin carving contest

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Aumen Doram's underwater creation—a jack-o-lantern covered in stiches and a bow—romped off with this year's top prize in the Underwater Pumpkin Carving contest that was held last Oct. 30 at Lau Lau Bay.

There was also a Best in Costume contest, which Ron Snyder handily won after participating in the contest dressed as Elsa in Walt Disney's *Frozen*.

With 16 entries in all that made sure to impress the judges, the Underwater Pumpkin Carving contest's second place title went to Karie Comstock, who turned in a giant squid gourd eating a submarine, while third place went to Jessica Williams with her scary, heavily toothed, jack-o-lantern.

In the Best in Costume feature, second place was a tie between JD Herndon and Emilie Kohler who went as a pair of octopuses.

Two-time judge Yogi Singh said that every year comes with a lot of surprises. "It's a fun competition and people get to hang out with friends and make new ones. …The precision of the carving this year was pretty awesome. Some were too close to call that scoring became a bit difficult," he said.

Judges evaluate the originality, visual impact, craftsmanship, and quality of the carved pumpkins.

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"There were also some cool costumes and this year was far more creative with people even coming up with a COVID-19 theme. Without a doubt, the underwater pumpkin carving contest will be a blast," he added. Singh was joined on the judges' panel by Eric O'Malley and Albert Flores.

Now on its third year, the contest is the brainchild of local dive shop Green Flash Dive Inc. Participants are expected to carve their pumpkins underwater and the event is always looked forward to by the scuba diving community.

According to GFD owner Rhea McDoulett, there were originally 21 entries. "The last-minute community spread cut our entries to 16, which is still one more than last year. The level of interest grows each year and all of those who participate are very enthusiastic about the event," she said. "The third year was still fun despite the last-minute withdrawals. The competitors are so creative and focused in their creations. Plus, everybody loves to have a good time and see what other people are up to underwater. It never gets old."

McDoulett said the awarding was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Garapan and that they are always happy to see annual competitors. "Karie Comstock has won a prize in every competition so far. They are always excited and filled with new ideas. The old-timers also like to see new competitors who bring a different style and an element of the unknown to the competition," she said. "We are always considering adjustments to the rules or themes for the next carve. The formula is pretty good so far. We don't want depart too much from the central idea to enjoy each other's company. There has been talk of adding a championship belt to the mix, which would be passed from champion to champion year to year."

Grace "Pitu" Sablan Vaiagae, a counselor and advocate for the rights of abused women, speaks yesterday about the importance of victims to speak up, during the signing into law a bill that authorizes civil claims for child sexual abuse to be commenced at any time.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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to fly to the United States, with only limited exceptions. This means foreign nationals are now required to provide their COVID-19 vaccination record before boarding airlines headed for the entire United States.

The State Department website said the new travel policy is stringent, consistent across the globe, and guided by public health.

In a short statement from Commonwealth Ports Authority chair Kimberlyn King-Hinds, she said the rule change shouldn't come as a shock.

"This should not come as a surprise to anyone. The message from the U.S. President and our governor has always been to get vaccinated for our personal and our community's protection so that we can start resuming a new normal way of life, which is taking personal responsibility for our health, those we love, and our community by continuing the practice of the 3W's," she said.

The new policy means that if you are not a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or traveling to the United States on an immigrant visa, you will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before you travel by air to the United States from a foreign country.

Some categories of noncitizen, nonimmigrants are exempted from this requirement but, nevertheless, all air passengers aged 2 or older, regardless of citizenship or vaccination status, must show a negative result of a COVID-19 viral test or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board any flight to the United States.

To further strengthen protections, unvaccinated travelers—whether U.S. citizens, LPRs, or the small number of excepted unvaccinated foreign nationals—will now need to show documentation of a negative viral test from a sample taken within one day of travel to the United States.

"Those U.S. citizens and LPRs who cannot demonstrate proof of full vaccination will now have to show documentation of a negative test from a sample taken within one day of departure," the site said.

Fully vaccinated U.S. citizens and LPRs are not exempted from the negative test requirement. However, they are allowed to provide a negative test from within three days prior to boarding their flight.

"U.S. citizens and LPRs who can show they are fully vaccinated, that requirement remains the same—they have to show documentation of a negative test result from a sample taken within three days of travel. That means that all fully vaccinated U.S. citizens and LPRs traveling to the United States should be prepared to present documentation of their vaccination status alongside their negative test result," said U.S Department of State.

In addition, all air passengers will have to sign an attestation certifying the validity of vaccination and testing, and confirming that their contact information is complete and accurate. Falsifying any information could result in criminal penalties and/or fines.

The CDC has determined that, for the purposes of entry into the United States, vaccines accepted will include those FDA approved or authorized, as well as vaccines with an emergency use listing from the World Health Organization.

COVID

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Since Oct. 28, there have been 78 new cases of COVID-19 in the CNMI: 60 identified through contact tracing, 11 through community-based testing, and seven through travel testing. Also, 629 COVID-19 tests were conducted on Nov. 8 comprising travel and surveillance testing, CHCC said.

In related news, COVID-19 vaccines for children aged 5 to 11 are now available on Tinian and Rota. On Tinian, vaccines for this age group took place yesterday at the Tinian Health Center. On Rota, child vaccines were administered yesterday at the Rota Health Center, and more child vaccines will be administered tomorrow again at the RHC from 8:30am to 10:30am.

CHCC said that parents must register for their children, and can do so by filling out all necessary forms found on vaccinatecnmi.com. CHCC also asks parents to bring a government ID or birth certificate at the time of registration.

CHCC's Communicable Disease Investigation/ Inspection team has already reached out to those who were in closest contact with the new positive cases and that the team will continue its efforts "until all probable cases are identified and tested."

CHCC also said its contact tracers have reached out to contacts who are deemed high risk, and that "the associated risk of infection depends on the level of exposure, which will, in turn, determine the type of monitoring." CHCC added that establishing the level of exposure can be difficult and requires investigation.

For individuals in the community experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, and new loss of taste or smell, CHCC asks those concerned to see their healthcare providers or call the CHCC Tele-Triage hotline at 670-233-2067.

LAW

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turn and file grievances against the perpetrators who have wronged them.

To the sexually abused children, Torres said, this is a life-changing event and they will never be the same again. The governor said this will be an incentive for the victims to step forward and be an advocate so these kinds of action against children are never tolerated.

"And to all the perpetrators, stop. We're here to protect our children not hurt them, whether they are male or female," he said.

House Bill 22-2, SD1, introduced by Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan), is now Public Law 21-12.

The signing of the bill into law came a day after Grace "Pitu" Sablan Vaiagae, who is a counselor for abused women, filed an ethics complaint against Rep. Edwin K. Propst (D-Saipan) over allegations that he had sex with several underaged women approximately 20 years ago when he was still a teacher at Marianas High School and an employee at Northern Marianas College.

Vaiagae attended yesterday's signing of the bill, which was held in the Office of the Governor's conference room. She spoke about sexual assault/abuse, and read at least two emotional statements by two alleged sexually abused victims.

In a later interview, Vaiagae said this has nothing to do with politics and that it's not about Propst.

"This is about legislation. This is about the law. And this is about women being heard," she said, adding that, as a counselor for abused women, she is here for the victims who can relate to the trauma.

Propst, who was one of the many co-authors of the bill, was not present at the signing ceremony. The bill's main author, Guerrero, was also not present but, in a later text message, said that, as a former chief of parole and member of the Criminal Justice System, he had attended numerous trainings that involved sexual abuse of minors by adults perpetrators who were either convicted or slipped through the judicial cracks without prosecution.

Guerrero said this bill addresses the statute of limitation to include filing civil lawsuit against all defendants who took advantage of defenseless individuals just for the perpetrators' gratification.

He highly encouraged victims of sexual assault to speak out.

"There is no shame at all to hold accountable the perpetrators for the pain, scare, depression, and expenses for victims who, for years, found it difficult to let go and move on with their lives," he said.

Guerrero said he is hoping that the Attorney General will look into cases that are dormant and/or need to be revisited in the best interest of the victims and victims that are scared to press charges against members in the community—be it family, neighbors, friends, or other persons.

"Who knows, maybe the two sisters that are still missing all these years could be victims of such case," said Guerrero, referring to the disappearance of sisters Maleina and Faloma Luhk in As Teo on May 25, 2011.

"I hope and pray that we can all make a difference in our community to protect defenseless individuals from being sexually assaulted by despicable individuals," he said.

Guerrero stated in the bill that criminal prosecution is not barred by a statute of limitation and prosecution may be pursued at any time for a case in which an adult discovers that he or she was a victim of sexual abuse as a child under the age of 18.

He said that criminal prosecution option remains open regardless of the passage of time pursuant to the Commonwealth Code.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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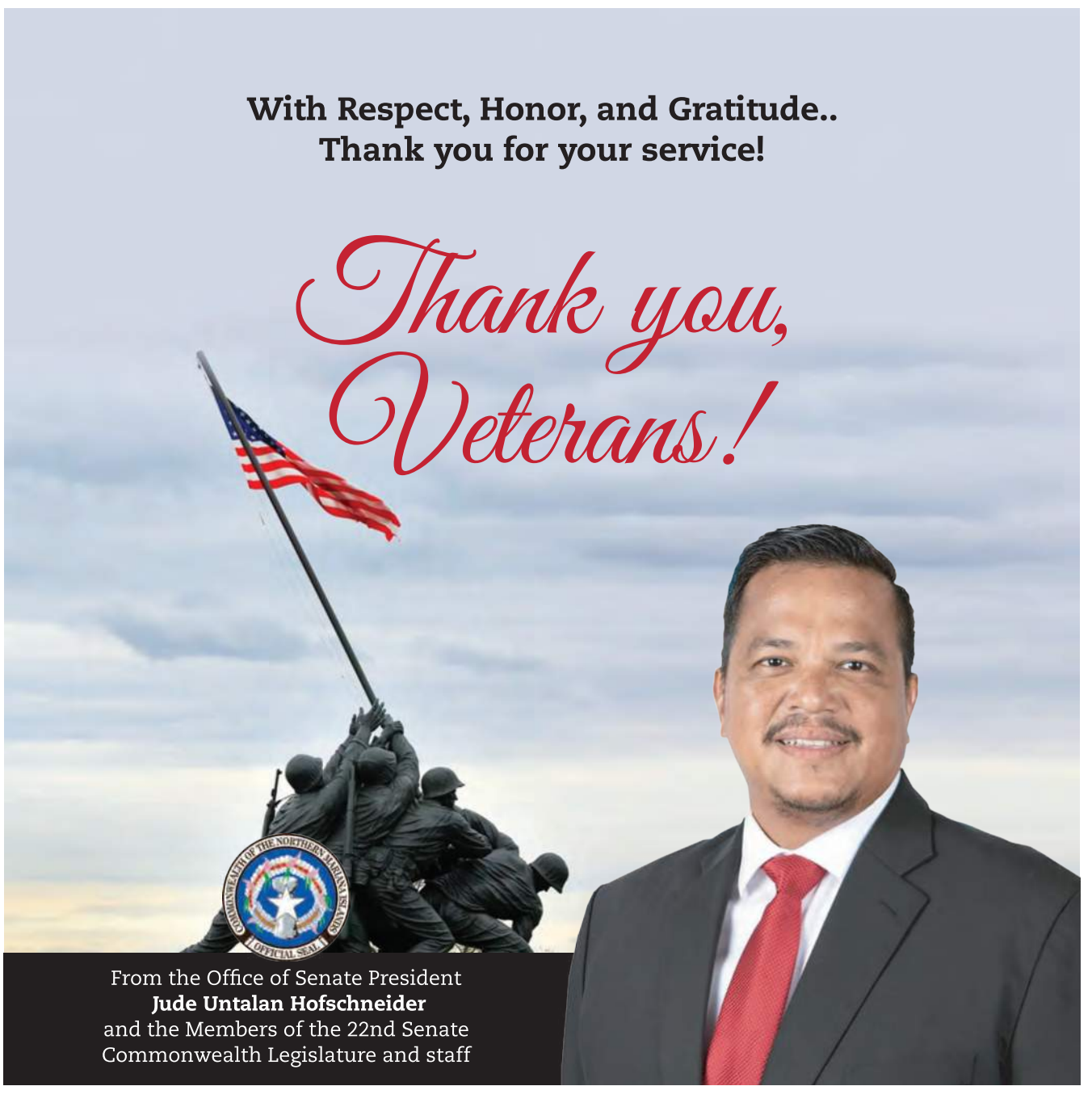
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From the Office of Senate President
Jude Untalan Hofschneider
and the Members of the 22nd Senate
Commonwealth Legislature and staff

Hotel occupancy at 33% in Oct.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 33% average occupancy rate among its 11 member hotels for October 2021. The figure is over seven times higher compared to October 2020, with 14,074 room nights sold this October compared to 2,118 rooms last October.

The occupancy rates do not include hotel room rentals at Kanoa Resort and Pacific Islands Club Saipan related to COVID-19 quarantine accommodations.

A total of 14,074 of 42,282 available room nights sold during the month. Average room rates were $136.10 compared to $148.22 last October.

"The increase in hotel occupancy we're starting to see is largely due to the Tourism Resumption Investment Plan being implemented with South Korea by the Marianas Visitors Authority," said HANMI chairwoman Gloria Cavanagh. "While 33% occupancy is still critically low for hotels, it is a solid start for the resumption of tourism to the Marianas. We would be in much worse shape if TRIP had not been implemented, and all our hotelier members are looking forward to the continued safe reopening of other markets to bring employees back to work and to generate more revenue for the government."

Cavanagh is also vice chairwoman of the MVA.

Hotels included in HANMI's monthly statistical report are Aqua Resort Club, Aquarius Beach Tower, Century Hotel, GrandVrio Resort Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa (now the Crowne Plaza), Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Kensington Hotel Saipan, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Saipan World Resort, and PIC.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Marianas. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. ***(PR)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

JEAN DOMINE DUMAOANG
Petitioner,
Vs.
ELMER DOMINE CABUS
Respondent,

FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 21-0280

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO ELMER DOMINE CABUS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 984 P.O. Box 10,000, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2021.

/S/ Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Acting Chairperson of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at NMC Rota Campus Tatachog, Rota. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance. In compliance with the CNMI COVID-19 guidelines, Face-masks must be worn, social distancing will be enforced, and not more than ten (10) people will be allowed in the conference room during the course of the meeting.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
   a. Call to Order
   b. Roll Call
   c. Adoption of Agenda
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
   a. CDBG-DR Housing and Infrastructure Updates
   b. Rota Field Office Operations
IV. OLD BUSINESS
   a. Budget Amendments
   b. Emergency Housing Voucher Update
   c. Turnkey Home Development Program to New Construction and Homebuyer
V. NEW BUSINESS
VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VIII. OTHER MATTERS
IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Notes: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13 (a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/
Eric J. Reyes
Acting Chairperson of the Board

"NMHC is an equal employment and fair housing public agency"

Legislature implements new COVID-19 protocol

The Legislature began implementing yesterday their new COVID-19 protocols, including barring the public (except for some exemptions) from entering the legislative building on Capital Hill, due to the recent cases of community transmissions of the virus.

This comes amid unconfirmed reports that two Legislative Bureau employees recently tested positive for COVID-19.

Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider and House Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez jointly signed Tuesday Legislative COVID Protocol Directive 2021-01 in their efforts to prevent the spread of the virus within the Legislative Building and to ensure the safety of members and their staff, and Legislative Bureau staff.

Hofschneider and Villagomez said the Legislative Building will undergo sanitation as soon as possible.

Under the directive, no person who is not a Legislative member, a members' staff, or a Legislative Bureau employee shall be authorized to enter the building, except for some exemptions, such as those persons whose attendance is required at legislative hearings or sessions. Such an exemption may be granted at the discretion of the presiding officer of the respective chamber.

Persons excluded from the building under this provision may opt to deliver items or correspondence at the entrance of the House or the Senate.

Hofschneider and Villagomez said this provision shall be effective immediately and remain in effect until the end of November or until further notice.

The respective Sergeant-at-Arms shall strictly enforce this provision at all times.

In an interview yesterday, Villagomez said they were advised by the COVID-19 Task Force that they can still operate, but must strictly follow the protocols that they have in place. When it comes to sessions or committee meetings where it's necessary to bring in an individual, it will be at the discretion of the committee chairpersons or the presiding officers, Villagomez said.

"We'll try to just limit the [number of] people that are needed in those meetings or sessions," he said.

He said people working in the building should use only the main entrances, which is in the House side and the Senate side for entrance and exit.

He said some members' offices have doors on the side.

"We want to make sure we keep track of members and members' staff that work in the building, get their temperature check, to know that they're coming in masked up and that they sanitize their hands at least when they come," Villagomez said.

He said they are also encouraging the members—not mandating—and everyone working in the building, to get vaccinated or tested. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMI Salvation Army 'Inaugural Red Kettle Ball' canceled but…

The CNMI Salvation Army has cancelled what was supposed to be its inaugural "Red Kettle Ball" but there is still a way for companies to give through its "Corporate Red Kettle Challenge."

The recent surge of community cases of COVID-19 prompted the CNMI Salvation Army to cancel the "Red Kettle Ball," which was supposed to happen on Nov. 19 at Kensington Hotel Saipan.

However, Salvation Army pastor Wayne Gillespie said in an email Tuesday that they have come up with the "Corporate Red Kettle Challenge" to enable private companies to still support the Salvation Army. Gillespie encourages all interested companies to reach out through the CNMI Salvation Army Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/CNMI-Salvation-Army-127642837005.

Afterward, Salvation Army members will bring a red kettle to your business where you can drop a donation check. With permission, the Salvation Army will post a picture of the handoff on its Facebook page.

The cancelled "Inaugural Red Kettle Ball" was supposed to feature an eight-course meal for its guests, live performances by the Pacific Winds Quartet, and awards recognizing the CNMI Salvation Army's Platinum, Gold, and Silver donors. ***(Joshua Santos)***

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EDITORIAL

Campaign finance lawsuit could rein in the NRA's ability to wreak havoc

For years, the National Rifle Association has abetted death and mayhem on America's streets, empowered by its iron grip on the Republican Party. A new lawsuit alleges an unlawful component of that dark symbiotic relationship. It claims the NRA has circumvented campaign finance laws to illegally funnel tens of millions of dollars in campaign resources to Donald Trump and other Republican politicians, including Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley.

The suit is from the nonprofit Giffords, named for former Rep. Gabby Giffords, the Arizona Democrat who survived a gunshot to the head during a 2011 attack at a public meeting by a gunman who wounded 19 people and killed six, including a 9-year-old girl.

Those kinds of attacks are rare in most of the advanced world but numbingly common in America, largely for one reason: The NRA, through its stranglehold on elected Republicans in Congress and in state governments, has for decades prevented commonsense gun restrictions that even most gun owners support, like universal background checks and assault weapon bans.

The NRA obtains that leverage in part by making generous campaign donations to Republican candidates who share or at least are willing to publicly support the organization's extremist stance against virtually any regulations on guns. Giffords' suit alleges that, in addition to the legal donations the NRA has made to those politicians, it has been using shell companies to illegally coordinate campaign activities with Republican campaigns in order to get around contribution limits.

The suit alleges that the organization spent as much as $35 million in this way since 2014. Most of it allegedly went to Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, but the suit claims other beneficiaries include Hawley, who won his Senate seat in 2018. Also cited in the suit are Republican Sens. Tom Cotton of Arkansas, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, Thom Tillis of North Carolina and others.

While federal election law limits the amount that donors can give to candidates in cash or services, an organization can spend freely in support of a candidate, as long as there is no coordination between the organization and the candidate. The lawsuit alleges that the NRA's shell companies used the same personnel and vendors as the Republican campaigns were using to create ads for the campaigns, coordinating their efforts.

If true, that essentially means the NRA was making tens of millions of dollars' worth of in-kind contributions to the campaigns, which it wouldn't be allowed to do directly. The suit seeks to stop those practices.

These aren't mere technicalities. Campaign contribution limits exist for a reason: A big donor shouldn't be able to impose its agenda on society just by opening its checkbook. That is perhaps especially true when the agenda in question is to prevent America from confronting the carnage that the NRA and its GOP enablers are causing.

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Universal Garbage Collection is an investment in our people, not a cost

TRASH TALK
By GARY SWORD
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Gary Sword, who is chairman of the Universal Garbage Collection Task Force*, is vice president of the KKMP radio station, one of the most popular and beloved stations in the Marianas, and has extensive experience in power, water, wastewater, and solid waste services. He serves as a member of the Domestic Policy Recovery Committee for the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers.*

The other day someone asked me why it is important for the Marianas to develop a universal garbage collection plan now. I told them that there's a sense of urgency to provide the service for many important reasons, one of which is that it is an investment in our people's health, quality of life, and future. Moreover, we need to protect our environment and natural resources from pollution before it's too late.

The management of waste materials is a worldwide problem, not just a local one. Urbanization and population growth are solely responsible for the increasing rate of solid waste, and the proper management of that waste is a major problem for all small Pacific Island communities. Islands have shifted from subsistence living —tending to farms and fishing for food—to becoming small cities with growing populations that are producing higher volumes of waste materials.

The problems are particularly evident on small islands where there is little land available for landfill waste disposal. This impacts potable groundwater resources. In many Pacific Islands, waste management involves the uncontrolled and semi-controlled dumping of rubbish at official and unofficial sites. The sites are commonly located on low-lying unoccupied land, mangrove areas, or un-purposed lands. Often the sites are not staffed, and there is no equipment to compact and cover the deposited waste.

Improper trash disposal and management cause all types of pollution: air, soil, and water. Haphazard dumping of wastes contaminates surface and groundwater supplies. In urban areas, solid waste clogs drains, creating stagnant water for insect breeding and floods during rainy seasons. Uncontrolled burning of trash contributes significantly to air pollution and jungle fires. Greenhouse gases are generated from the decomposition of organic wastes in landfills, and untreated leachate pollutes surrounding soil and water bodies.

This is where we will see health and safety issues arising from improper or illegal disposal. Insects, flies, and rodents are attracted to the wastes and can spread cholera, dengue fever, and enteric infections. If polluted water is used for bathing, food irrigation, and drinking water, our people will be exposed to diseases, organisms, and other contaminants.

Poorly disposed rubbish contaminates the groundwater with nitrates, heavy metals, and other chemicals. Open burning of wastes pollutes the air with particulates and oxides of Sulphur and nitrogen. The ashes from open burning may result in leachates that are rich in heavy metals and other potentially toxic substances. Leachate is a contaminated liquid that is produced from water percolating through trash disposal or burn site, accumulating contaminants, and sinking into our water tables.

The U.S. Public Health Service has identified 22 human diseases that are linked to improper Solid Waste Management. To put it plainly, it is a very scary picture for humans and animals when solid waste is not properly stored, collected, and processed.

The ultimate goal of the Universal Garbage Collection is to improve the quality of life for all residents. The lack of attention given to human health, environment, and safety issues cannot be attributed to cost factors. Modern societies depend on regular, efficient trash removal. Ask a relative who lives stateside if they can do without their solid waste program. Compare their modern and convenient process for disposing of garbage versus our current system. Which would you prefer?

In the past, most communities used to have a reactive approach to dealing with waste management and investing only in times of emergencies or when pushed by regulatory compliance issues. Instead, our community can approach Universal Garbage Collection as an investment, not a cost, in our community. It is a very small price to pay for clean water, good health, and a viable economy for the Marianas.

For more information about the Universal Garbage Collection initiative, visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with the UGC Task Force via email at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

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The continuing legacy of American veterans in the workplace

By JAMES D. RODRIGUEZ
Special to the Saipan Tribune

James D. Rodriguez is the U.S. Department of Labor's *principal deputy assistant secretary for Policy for Veterans' Employment and Training Service, or VETS.*

As our country emerges from the longest war in its history, the 4.5 million veterans who served during this period are poised to lead our workforce—and the U.S. economy—into the next decades. This group of talented Americans, known as the post-9/11veterans, have channeled their talent, skills, and leadership into post-military success, achieving higher labor participation rates and over 30% higher earnings than their non-veteran peers, according to the Census Bureau.

This might seem surprising, but it should not be. Research has consistently indicated that veterans are more productive, promote faster, and stay longer with an employer than their non-veteran peers, and industry leaders readily back up these findings.

This newest generation of dedicated Americans is a formidable group. They are the youngest, most diverse, and largest group of veterans in the labor force. Like the legions of veterans who served in the past, they have carried on a legacy of duty, valor, and compassion. Our post-9/11 veterans have fought bravely in defense of our values, but they have also demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability, pivoting to support missions ranging from humanitarian assistance to local economic development. Needless to say, they performed admirably.

While in uniform, veterans benefitted not just from world-class technical training, but also from extraordinary opportunities to develop soft skills such as teamwork, resourcefulness, and initiative, traits that employers consistently rank as among the most desirable. Hiring veterans is not just the right thing to do—it is a smart business decision.

As a post-9/11 veteran and former senior Defense Department official, I have seen firsthand the sacrifices borne by service members, veterans, and their families. Many carry with them the wounds of combat—visible and invisible—and grieve the irreplaceable loss of their teammates. We have made great progress toward ensuring that all who need care get it, acknowledging that much work remains to be done. And while support for our wounded, ill, and injured veterans remains steadfast, we should simultaneously promote career opportunities and a workplace environment that allows all veterans to thrive. They are a vital component of our labor force and will continue to play a critical role driving innovation, efficiency and success.

As in every war throughout our history, a generation of Americans stepped forward to answer this most recent call to serve. Now, as our nation moves forward, our post-9/11 veterans stand ready to "build back better" through meaningful careers. On this Veterans Day, we celebrate all veterans, not just for their service while in uniform, but also for their ongoing contributions to the world's most talented workforce.

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Veterans Day Message

By DAVID M. APATANG
Special to the Saipan Tribune

David M. Apatang is mayor of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Let us take a moment this Veterans Day to show our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to all of our veterans and active service members past and present who have ever donned the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces, for their valor, commitment, and selfless service to our country. They go through rigorous training and combat, leaving their friends and loved ones to protect our most cherished value in life—peace. Let us reaffirm our commitment to leaving no veteran behind as we pay respect to our brave heroes. We must continue supporting and caring for all the returning combat veterans who need healing from their battle wounds. Welcome them home with open arms and hearts. We must never forget that the finest kind of thankfulness we can express our veterans is to live by them. We honor our heroes most by living our life to the fullest.

To all the veterans and active service members around the world, thank you.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for your service

I, ____ , do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So, help me God. (U.S. Army oath)

My sons, out of their own free will, enlisted in the US. .Army to be a part of the fight for freedom that we enjoy today. Somebody somehow has to continue to protect this freedom. It is a sacrifice of the whole being and family. Seeing my sons on their own scheduled time go to the U.S. to protect the US Constitution to the best of their ability pierced my heart. But again, freedom has to be protected.

One of my sons left behind his loving wife and two sons. It was hard and painful for me to see his family left behind but freedom has to be protected.

My other son did not have a wife nor children but left us behind, his parents and brothers, to fight for freedom.

Eyes full of tears were shed by all of us as they boarded the airplane but freedom has to be protected.

Basic Training graduation affirmed to me their willingness to protect this freedom. Seeing so many soldiers on graduation day opened my heart to God and I thank Him for the gift of life which deserved the freedom to live.

Both of my sons served in Iraqi Freedom. it was deadly but, with prayers from all over the world, they were brave to the end to protect this freedom. There were many restless nights and days but they were strong to protect this freedom.

We thank God for bringing them home in one whole piece. However, the memories of war to protect this freedom will never be erased from their mind, body, and soul. They served their country, the United States of America, to protect the Constitution and the freedom we still enjoy.

My veteran sons forever and thank you God for choosing them to protect the freedom we still enjoy.

We salute you all veterans and all those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and thank you for all your hard works and services to protect our freedom. God bless!

Winnifrida Camacho
Kagman III, Saipan

The vaccine protecting girls and boys from cancer

By THERESE RAPHAEL
Bloomberg Opinion

Therese Raphael is a columnist for Bloomberg Opinion. *She was editorial page editor of the* Wall Street Journal *Europe*.

The speed at which COVID-19 vaccines ruptured the link between infections and death has put renewed focus on the miracle, and science, of inoculation. If only we had a vaccine for cancer, too, people have said.

Oh, wait, we do. And now a major study has shown just how effective it is.

In 2008, the U.K. began offering girls ages 12 and 13 an immunization against the human papillomavirus, which is largely sexually transmitted and the cause of nearly all cervical cancer. The vaccine was later rolled out in a catch-up program to older girls and, since 2019, to boys.

Using data from a population-based cancer registry taken from 2006 to 2019, researchers, publishing in the Lancet journal last week, found the vaccine had a dramatic effect on rates of cervical cancer, with an 87% reduction in those who were offered the vaccine at ages 12-13. (Reduction rates were lower among those who were part of the catch-up program as fewer took the vaccine and some may have already been sexually active.)

"The HPV immunization program has successfully almost eliminated cervical cancer in women born since Sept. 1, 1995," the study concludes. Among the vaccine success stories, this one ought to be better known.

The study's findings underscore the imperative of making these vaccines more widely available around the world, especially in developing countries. But it is also a reminder that take-up rates could still be higher in many countries, including the U.S.—and not just among girls.

There are over 200 kinds of HPV common in humans; most are dealt with naturally by the body's immune system, but some can cause genital warts or cancer. Nearly 40% of females are infected with HPV within two years of their first sexual activity, so there's a pretty high chance of getting one. Vaccines can't work after an HPV infection has occurred, however, which is why it's so important that youngsters are vaccinated early.

HPV is generally known as as cause of cervical cancer, but it's the culprit in many other cancers, too. In 1999, molecular epidemiologist and cancer expert Maura Gillison connected some head-and-neck cancers to HPV and sexually transmitted disease. The incidence of these cancers was rising at an alarming rate, especially among middle-aged men who had contracted HPV decades earlier. In the U.S. from 2013 to 2017, there were more than 45,000 HPV-associated cancers each year; nearly 20,000 of those were among men.

Thanks to screening programs and the vaccine, the U.K. has seen a large drop in the main cancer-causing HPV types in both women and men, and also a large drop in the number of young people reporting genital warts. Since cancers develop slowly over time, the actual disease-prevention (and life-saving) benefits of the vaccine should be even higher. The vaccine's success will likely prompt a rethinking of cervical screening programs, though it's not clear whether a mid-life booster will be needed.

In 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration broadened the approval of Merck & Co.'s HPV vaccine, Gardasil 9 (which protects against nine different types of HPV and is also used in Britain), to include use for the prevention of oropharyngeal (throat) and other head and neck cancers. It's now approved for use for males and females ages 9 to 45, with two doses only for those vaccinated early.

And yet despite its success, just over half of U.S. adolescents were up to date with their HPV vaccines in 2019, with only 52% of boys compared to 57% of girls (about 85% of females in the U.K. had both doses in 2020). As with everything in the U.S., rates vary dramatically by state.

HPV vaccination is a no-brainer, so why are rates so low? Explanations vary. The two- or three-shot dosing may be a deterrent for some parents. Some studies have suggested that because HPV is associated with sexual transmission, doctors and parents are more hesitant to discuss it. There are also the usual concerns about adverse effects and risks. In Britain, kids are generally offered the vaccine at school, which makes it much easier for parents to give consent and not forget to have it done.

On top of the world's experience with COVID, the Lancet study on the HPV vaccine is another reminder of the lifesaving impact of vaccines. When science gives us a gift, we'd do well to take it.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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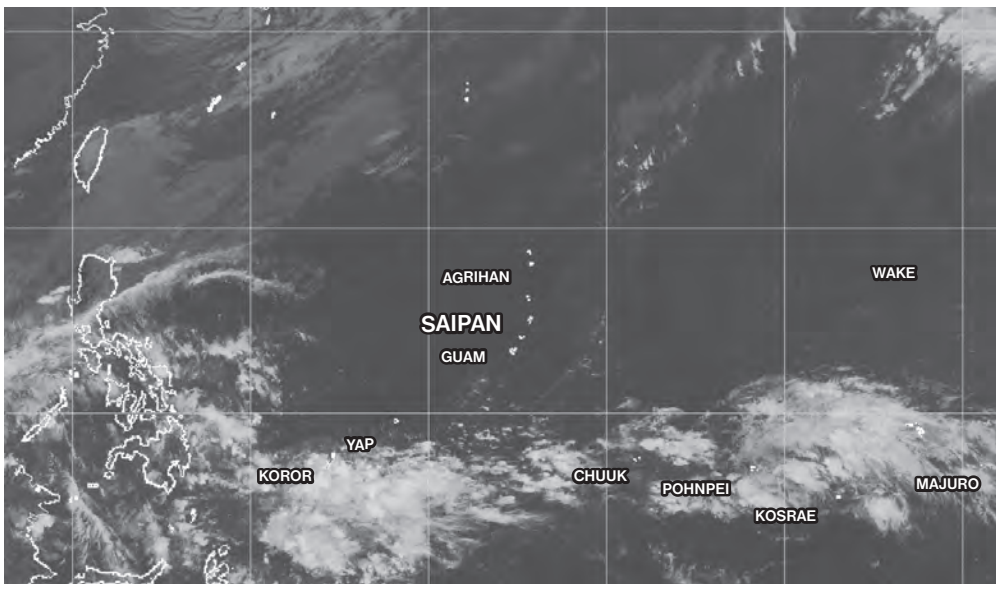
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Partly cloudy skies, isolated light showers and moderate trade winds are present this morning across the Marianas. Seas range between 3 and 5 feet, and are currently indicated at a little over 4 feet at the Ipan buoy.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	83° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 81°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:16 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:30 PM	-	-
Friday	-	12:07 AM	1:17 PM
Saturday	-	1:03 AM	1:58 PM
Sunday	-	1:55 AM	2:37 PM
Monday	-	2:45 AM	3:13 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Rain	61° / 54°
Beijing	Sunny	50° / 28°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	82° / 73°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 74°
London	Partly Cloudy	52° / 39°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	68° / 55°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	79° / 54°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	81° / 75°
New York	Mostly Sunny	38° / 26°
Osaka	Showers	63° / 46°
Paris	Showers	55° / 46°
Busan	Sunny	57° / 39°
Rome	Showers	63° / 43°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	68° / 46°
San Francisco	Showers	60° / 48°
Seoul	Sunny	50° / 34°
Tokyo	Showers	68° / 46°
Washington, DC	Sunny	43° / 27°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
6:44 AM	Low Tide	-0.32
2:38 PM	High Tide	1.76
8:27 PM	Low Tide	1.15
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STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

■ Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.

■ Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.

■ Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.

■ Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.

■ Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.

■ Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html

■ Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

■ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.

■ Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

■ Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:

• Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

• Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

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UA117	7:20am	8:05am	2, 4, 6
UA117	9:50am	10:35am	1, 3, 5, 7

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

UA183	8:00pm	9:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	7:20am	9:50pm	2, 4, 6 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via Guam

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

7C3406	3:10PM	6:55PM	6
TW9308	3:20PM	8:00PM	4
OZ6243	4:00PM	7:40PM	6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA116	5:30am	6:16am	2, 4, 6
UA174	8:00am	8:46am	1, 3, 5, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

UA184	10:40pm	4:30am+1	2, 5
UA184	10:55pm	4:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA184/174	10:55pm	8:46am+1	4, 6, 7 via Guam

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

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OZ6233	9:00AM	2:30PM	6
TW9307	10:00AM	2:20PM	4

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 18, 2021

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30AM	9:00AM	Daily
1302	11:00AM	11:30AM	Daily
1303	1:30PM	2:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
1304	3:30PM	4:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30AM	10:00AM	Daily
3102	12:00AM	12:30AM	Daily
3103	1:30PM	3:00PM	Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri
3104	4:30PM	5:00PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
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1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
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1212	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2105	11:30	11:45	Daily
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

CUC Pay-Online and Pay-by-Phone System now OK

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform its customers that the CUC Pay Online and Pay-by-Phone system is back online as of yesterday morning, Nov. 10, 2021.

To make a payment on your account, visit the CUC online payment portal by clicking "Pay Online" on CUC's website at www.cucgov.om or go directly to CUC's online payment portal at www.iwebms.net/cucgov.

You may also make payment over the phone by calling 1-855-729-2282 (1-855-PAY-2CUC).

In addition, you may pay your bill at a service location such as Bank of Guam, Bank of Saipan, or at the CUC Customer Center on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Should you need further assistance, visit the CUC Customer Center or call (670) 664-4282 to speak with a Customer Service Representative. ***(PR)***

$100K bail for man who allegedly fired pistol in Garapan

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REPORTER

The NMI Superior Court has imposed a $100,000 cash bail on a man accused of firing a pistol in Garapan in the heat of an argument with another man.

During a bail hearing last Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho imposed a $100,000 cash bail on Norman Desebel Kapileo, 48, on the charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Kapileo, who was remanded back to Department of Corrections custody immediately after the bail hearing, was ordered to return to court on Nov. 17 at 10am for a preliminary hearing. His arraignment was also set for Nov. 29, at 9am before Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja.

The Office of the Public Defender's Karie Comstock was appointed by the court to represent Kapileo during the hearing while James Houston from the Office of the Attorney General represented the government.

According to court documents, Department of Public Safety officers responded last Nov. 4 at approximately 10:48pm to a report of possible gunshots in an abandoned apartment in Garapan.

Kapileo

At the scene, police spoke with the alleged victim, Peter Aldan. He told police that Kapileo came to the abandoned building looking for another individual but when Aldan said he did not know where the other individual was, Kapileo got mad and pulled a gun out of his pocket and "pistol whipped" him.

Police noted that the person Kapileo was looking for had a fight with Kapileo's brother on Nov. 3.

The victim told police that when he realized that it was a gun that Kapileo was holding, he reached for it and held Kapileo's right arm and wrist in an attempt to take the gun away from him, prompting Kapileo to shoot a round.

The victim said he continued struggling with Kapileo as he tried to take the gun away from the suspect. The victim stated he even bit Kapileo's finger in an effort to take the gun away.

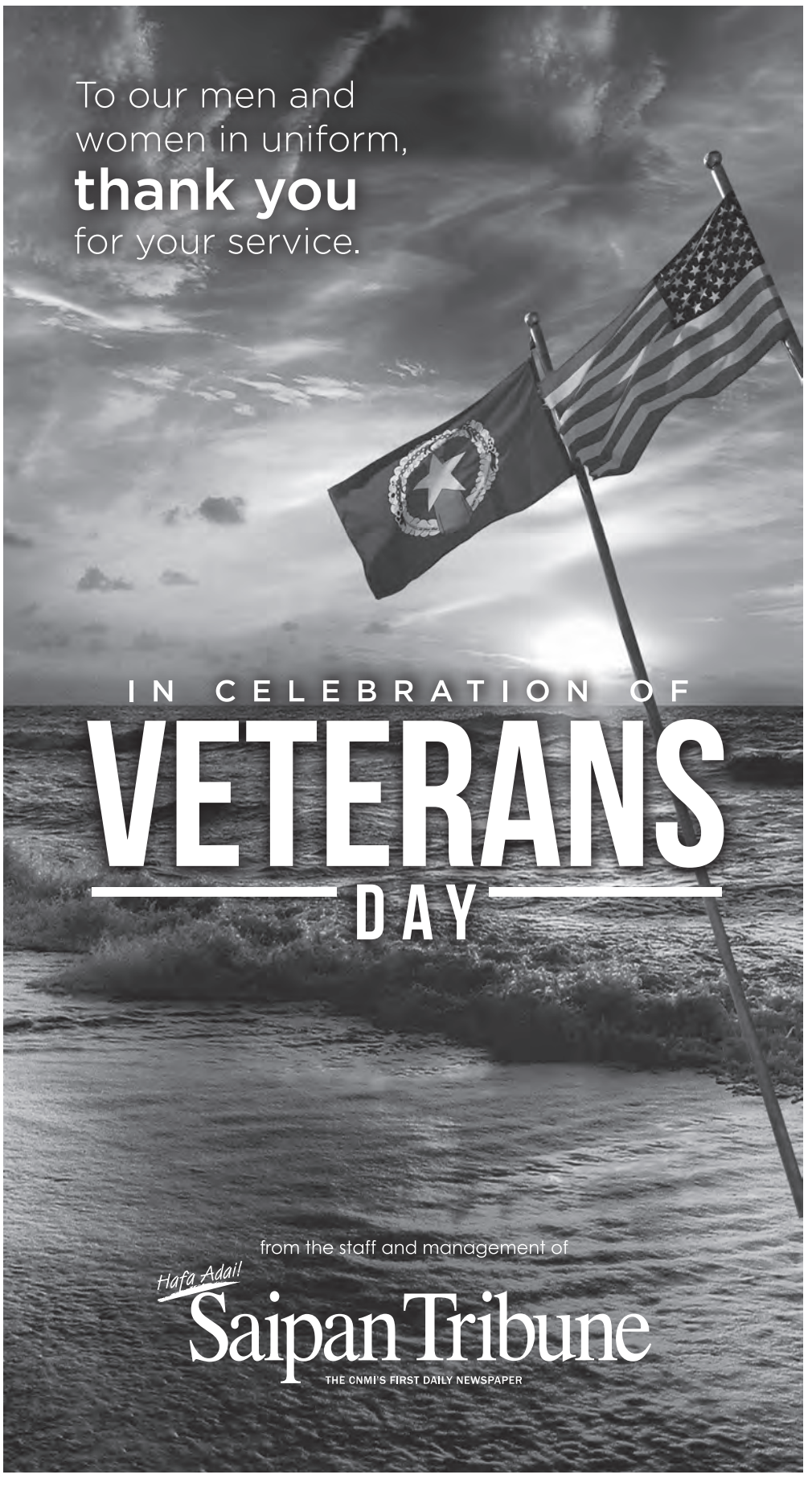
During the struggle, the victim said three or four more shots were fired, but he did not recall which direction it was fired.

The victim stated that when he and Kapileo fell to the ground, he hit Kapileo's hand hard enough and the gun flew out of his hand, landing far south from where they had fallen.

Kapileo then fled the scene with the firearm before police arrived.

The next day, Nov. 5, a complaint/affidavit in support of an arrest warrant was prepared by police for Kapileo. At about 2:58 pm., that same day, Camacho signed and issued an arrest warrant for Kapileo for the charges of disturbing the peace, assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon with bail set at $100,000.

At about 2:58pm that day, police arrested Kapileo in a parking lot in Gualo Rai. He was brought to Kanoa Resort for clearance and transported to DOC where he was booked and detained.



NMI contractors, builders focus on coastal construction

40 participating in two-day training this week, another two-day training next week

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REPORTER

A total of 40 participants from various government entities and private companies are attending a two-day training this week at Aqua Resort Club on resilient coastal construction, with more attending another two-day training cycle next week.

Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo, who is coordinator of the CNMI Infrastructure and Recovery Program, said the training that kicked off last Tuesday is an inaugural training, and should be the first of many trainings in the CNMI. "We're looking at many more. We already have in the planning stages other types of trainings that are being requested for by our CNMI stakeholders," she said.

Tuesday's training attendees included staff from the Department of Public Works, the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., representatives from the CNMI Zoning Board, appraisers, engineering firms, and construction firms. This week's training ended yesterday, Nov. 10. There will be another two-day training on Nov. 15 to 16, also at the Aqua Resort Club.

The two-day Coastal Construction Training this week was supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and its Mitigation Assessment Team and Interagency Recovery Coordination team.

Gregory Wilson, who is an emergency management specialist for FEMA, said the trainings will teach attendees coastal construction techniques and that the included course materials are specifically tailored for the CNMI. Wilson said he and a team of colleagues visited the CNMI last year, where they made observations and put together reports on the CNMI's unmet needs in regards to coastal construction and future projects to build up the CNMI's resilience to natural disasters. Wilson added that all training participants will receive certificates of attendance, and that there will be an assessment at the end of the training.

From left, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Joint Recovery Office Wayne "Randy" Clayton; emergency management specialist for FEMA Gregory Wilson; CNMI Infrastructure Recovery Program coordinator Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo; and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres share a photo after a press briefing Tuesday at Aqua Resort Club Saipan. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the trainings are meaningful opportunities to speed up the process of getting projects going and to continue building on the CNMI's partnership with FEMA. "[The goal] is to expedite the process to help all the other agencies and to work with FEMA," he said. "We have so many projects and so much money that we need to spend."

Dr. Olivia A. Scriven, who is a federal disaster recovery officer for FEMA's Interagency Recovery Coordination team, said the goal of this week's training and all future trainings in the CNMI will be to help build strong infrastructure in the Commonwealth and to further develop the CNMI government's capacity to carry out infrastructure projects.

"Our goal is to work with the CNMI to build a strong infrastructure to sustain what's being done today for the long term. Areas that they have identified [include]...capacity developing, grants management, project management, and financial management. These areas become important not only for administering the funds but also for helping to understand how to manage a project life cycle and do that in a systematic way in order to benefit the citizens and move those projects along," she said.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†HERONIMO JESUS SABLAN ADA

JANUARY 01, 1985 – NOVEMBER 03, 2021

In his eternal life, he now joins his:

Father: †Vicente Cruz Ada
Grandparents: †Jesus Aguon Sablan
†Estefania Reyes Sablan
†Heronimo A. Ada
†Maria T. Cruz
Niece: †Megan Marlowe Sablan

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Mother: Emiliana Sablan Ada
Brothers: Julian & May-Anne Sablan
(Madison Alicia and
†Megan Marlowe)
Victor Ada & Margie Ramon
(Victoria, Margarita and Maddox)
Special Friend: Tiffany P. Tudela

His memories will forever be remembered and missed by numerous aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and God-children.

Holy Mass is being offered at St. Jude and San Antoio Parish, Monday to Saturday at 6pm (Sunday Mass at St. Jude at 8am; San Antonio Parish at 7am) and Mt. Carmel Cathedral – Monday to Sunday at 6am.

On November 15, 2021, his remains will be escorted from CHCC Morgue at 730am to Mount Carmel Cathedral where last respects and viewing will be held. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am and interment will follow at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

THANK YOU AND SI YU'US MA'ASE
FOR ALL YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS,
EMILIANA S. ADA, CHILDREN AND FAMILY

DROPOFF POINTS NMC

Crowne Plaza, top photo, and TakeCare Insurance are official 2021 "Toys for Tots" partners this holiday season. Community members who would like to donate toys to the "Toys for Tots" program can drop off their donation at Crowne Plaza or TakeCare Insurance. The "Toys for Tots" program is a charitable initiative hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys to disadvantaged children during the Christmas holiday season. The program is spearheaded by the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. Businesses who would like to participate in this program and host a toy collection box can email saipantoys4tots@gmail.com.

Frank Cable departs Saipan after enjoying first port visit

By CHARLOTTE OLIVER
USS *FRANK CABLE* (AS 40)

Sailors assigned to the submarine tender USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) pose for a photo at the Grotto, Oct. 28.
U.S. NAVY/MCS2 CHASE STEPHENS

The submarine tender USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) departed Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands last Nov. 1. This was *Frank Cable*'s first port visit since departing Apra Harbor, Guam, and taking over as the expeditionary submarine tender.

"We extend our sincere appreciation to our friends [on] Saipan," said Capt. Albert Alarcon, *Frank Cable*'s commanding officer. "Our crew enjoyed their hospitality and warmth, while taking every opportunity to learn about the island's culture and history. Saipan has much to offer, especially for those who enjoy outdoor and ocean activities."

The sailors and civil service mariners abided by all COVID-19 protocols. There were several businesses open to the public, and crewmembers were able to visit historical sites, enjoy the local cuisine, and spend some time off the ship relaxing.

"The [MSC] crew thoroughly enjoyed their stay [on] Saipan," said MSC Capt. Patrick Peck, Ship's Master. "They were able to relax in hotels, but also experience the beauty of the island, its culture, and the fantastic beaches and scenery. Great restaurants, coffee shops and shopping of all kinds were available and many were impressed by the swimming, diving and snorkeling locations."

Crewmembers were able to take in many of the sights that Saipan had to offer. Saipan isn't only known for its tropical climate and pristine waters; it was also the site of the Battle of Saipan during World War II. Memorials dot the coastline and cliffs of the island, honoring those that fought.

"We were able to take the bus tour to go to the different sites," said Machinery Repairman 3rd Class Hunter Kinney. "I didn't know Saipan had so much military history."

One of the largest memorials on the island is the 133-acre American Memorial Park where 5,204 names of Chamorro and Carolinian civilians, and members of the U.S. Armed Forces are inscribed on bronze plaques surrounding the national ensign, each military branch flag, and the flag of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The memorial was dedicated in 1994, on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Saipan.

Frank Cable crewmembers were able to visit each location, learning about the history of the island and remembering those who came before.

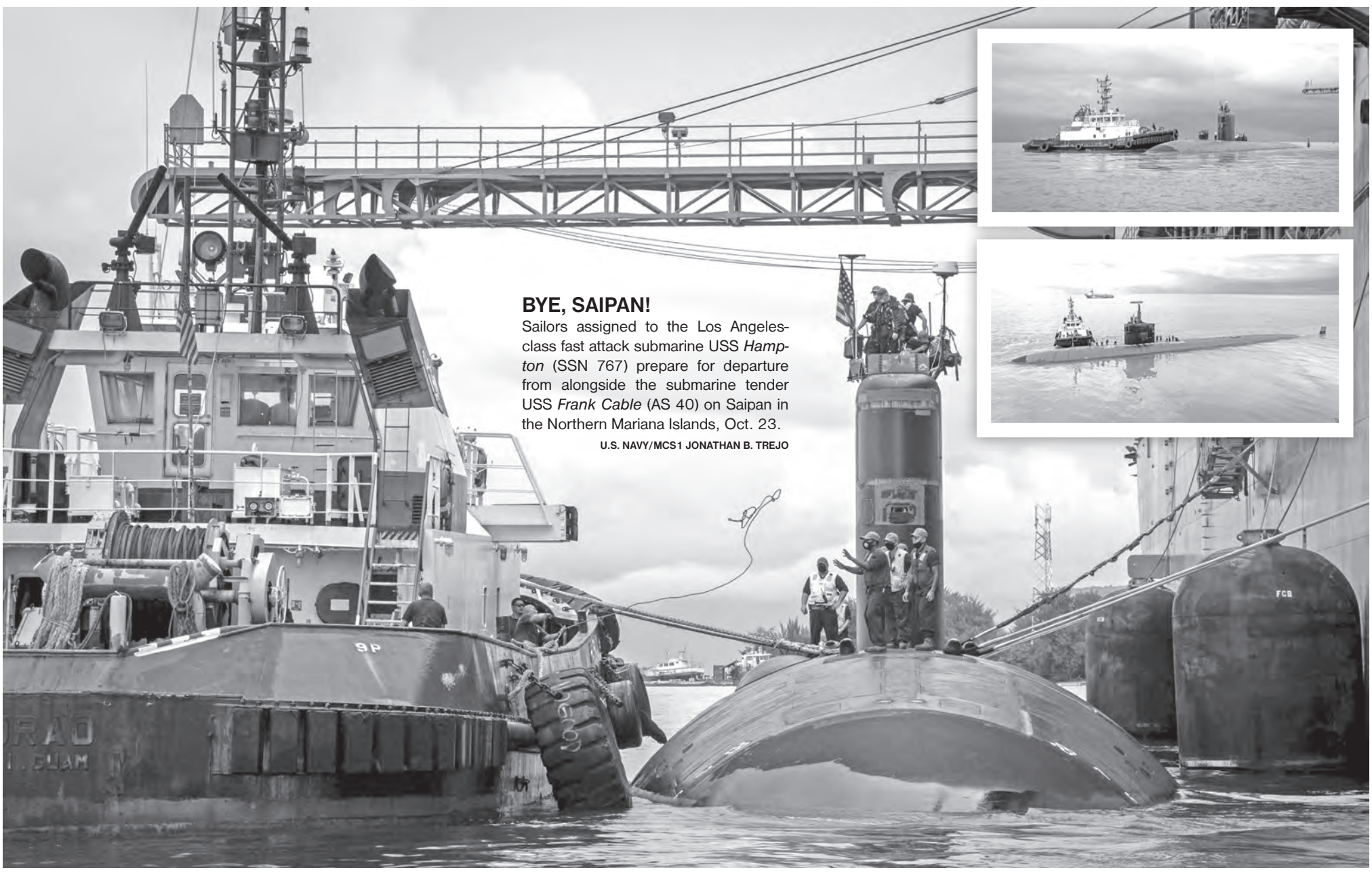
"It was an amazing experience to see such sites," said Yeoman 3rd Class Christian Bailey. "It is definitely something I will carry with me all my life."

U.S. Navy ships and submarines routinely make ports of call in a variety of locations around the globe. The purpose of these port visits reflect the relationships with our allies and strengthens our longstanding partnerships.

"I believe it is important because this is part of the job," said Bailey. "This shows that we are here, we are ready to assist, and that we want to help. It also helps some of the new sailors experience new cultures and try new things."

Frank Cable, forward-deployed to the island of Guam, repairs, rearms, and reprovisions submarines and surface vessels in the Indo-Pacific region. *Frank Cable* is on patrol conducting expeditionary maintenance and logistics in support of national security in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations. For more information on *Frank Cable*, see their page on Facebook at USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40), or http://www.csp.navy.mil/frankcable.

Under Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, 7th Fleet is the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with 35 maritime nations in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.



BYE, SAIPAN!
Sailors assigned to the Los Angeles-class fast attack submarine USS *Hampton* (SSN 767) prepare for departure from alongside the submarine tender USS *Frank Cable* (AS 40) on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, Oct. 23.
U.S. NAVY/MCS1 JONATHAN B. TREJO

Environment

‘It’s time to decolonize, decarbonize, demilitarize’

By IVA MAURIN
CORRESPONDENT

» Babauta talks about climate action and the future in Glasgow protest

Days before introducing former U.S. president Barack Obama at the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan), wearing a distinct *lighatúttúr* over her black puffer jacket, was already getting her message across loud and clear—“It’s time to decarbonize. It’s time to decolonize and it’s time to demilitarize.”

The CNMI legislator took to the streets with the indigenous community, and spoke before a crowd of demonstrators at the “Stop War, Stop Climate Chaos” anti-war rally in downtown Glasgow, where the United Nations climate change conference is taking place.

“The military has desecrated sacred land,” Babauta said. “We have one of our islands used solely for military activities and training. Our local people have no access to this island for almost 100 years. The military has poisoned our waters and has killed and threatened our marine mammals and wildlife.”

Babauta was referring to Farallon de Medinilla, an uninhabited coral island, one in the chain of the Mariana Islands, used for years by the U.S. military for its training and bombing exercises.

“The U.S. military is the single largest consumer of fossil fuels and the largest polluter on Earth. War causes warming and we must address militarization if we want to address climate change. We must hold the U.S military accountable and quit making exceptions,” she said.

COP is the annual United Nations climate change conference where leaders and major players from around the world come together to discuss climate actions, as well as on how to collectively address rising sea levels, carbon emissions, and the overall climate change issues that are happening globally.

Babauta is in Scotland with the *It Takes Roots* delegation, an umbrella of indigenous alliances all over the world, the movement of which began during the Peoples Climate March in 2014, and which has since been present at international climate justice mobilization events.

Saipan Tribune was able to interview Babauta right before her Obama introduction, where she talked about what the indigenous communities want out of COP26.

Hear the indigenous

“Indigenous communities want to amplify their voices here, because we are the frontlines,” Babauta said. “We face the brunt of the impact of climate change, and we also hold keys to the solutions because we are…connected to the land and the oceans. Indigenous communities are here to offer solutions and offer insight about the recommended actions.”

Babauta also said that indigenous communities, just like everyone else fighting for climate justice, want commitments—to funding frontline communities, to reducing carbon emissions, to building a system that holds the largest emitters of carbon accountable.

Marching in solidarity in the streets of Glasgow with the indigenous community through the It Takes Roots delegation, Babauta participated in the global day of action for climate justice. Banners screamed *“Climate Justice = Landback, End CO_2lonialism”* and *“Militarism is the #1 Polluter, Killer, Colonizer.”*

“After being here in Glasgow for the past week, I have learned, from many other indigenous groups from Puerto Rico, the U.S. mainland—in states like New Mexico, about how the military has impacted their communities, has poisoned their waters, their lands, their soil, their air, and how it is very difficult to hold the military accountable for their actions,” she said.

This is something the CNMI knows firsthand, according to Babauta, with the islands having served a large role in World War II.

“We are still working with the military to clean up their mess. There is an increased militarization that’s happening right now,” she said.

Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan) displays the CNMI flag as she marched with the indigenous community during the People’s Day of Action in Glasgow, Scotland. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO.

Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan) speak before a crowd of demonstrators at the “Stop War, Stop Climate Chaos” anti-war rally in downtown Glasgow in Scotland, where the United Nations climate change conference is taking place. Photo is a frame grab from a video of Babauta’s speech, by It Takes Roots. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The future

Babauta said the Marianas lives at an intersection of militarization, colonialism and climate change. “We can see that around us every day. The military buildup is happening, our shorelines are receding, and colonialism has been in the Marianas for over 500 years. We can see that in our culture, in the way our people think, and even speak our language. Our culture has been lost due to colonialism,” she said, adding that both demilitarization and decolonization “will only bring good” for the Marianas.

“It will empower our people, it will help us make decisions in the best interests of the people. We can utilize our natural resources to its fullest potential, where we can really focus on health, education, and protection of our natural resources,” she said. “Instead of using our lands and our waters for active military training—bombing and desecration of our sacred lands—we can instead fund more environmentally data-driven programs and agencies to study our natural resources so that it can be used for the advancement of humanity.

“Using our lands, our oceans, and our air for military purposes is not the only answer. There are many other ways we can utilize our space to advance humanity, to support science and support national security without having to sacrifice our health and our people,” she said.

A portrait shot of Rep. Sheila Babauta (D-Saipan). LINDSAY NASH

When asked if we can expect legislations aligned with this to come in the future, Babauta said yes. The legislator also said that part of the reason she is in Glasgow is to gather resources—knowledge, commitments, and connections—that would be useful for the people of the Marianas.

“Moving forward, climate action, climate justice is definitely going to be a huge part of the conversation returning from COP26. We don’t talk about climate change in ways that we must prepare ourselves enough. We don’t talk about it enough in the CNMI. It’s really important for us to do future-oriented work, because it’s not just about today, but it is also about tomorrow.”

And as the youngest member of the Legislature, Babauta also extends her gratitude to the youth—the future of the CNMI—encouraging the community to embrace this youth enthusiasm and to support their passion in raising awareness about climate change.

“They are a huge reason why I’m here. The youth are well aware of climate change and the impacts of climate change, and they are taking leadership positions in this movement. They are passionate about climate justice and they are passionate about implementing solutions that will protect our Motherland for future generations to come.”

Life & Style

Son's career in 'family business' comes at a cost

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I have been divorced 24 years and, now that our children are grown, we have minimal contact. We see and speak to each other only when there's a wedding or a birthday party for our grandson.

Three years ago, our 34-year-old son went to work for his father with the promise that "someday the business would be his." Our son left a well-paying job to work for his father, but from past experience I know my ex isn't trustworthy. He often lies to get what he wants, and his promises rarely come to fruition.

Now I'm hearing from former in-laws I've remained close to, as well as our other children, that my ex does nothing but complain and belittle our son. He shares every mistake our son has made over the last three years and even personal information about our son's finances. Naturally, it upsets me to hear these things. What do I do? Should I tell my son what his father is saying about him? Do I confront my ex, even though I'm sure he will deny saying these things? Or should I just butt out, because, after all, my son is an adult?

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR CAUGHT: Talk to your son. Tell him what these relatives are repeating to you. It's better than remaining silent and letting him stay in the dark. How he chooses to deal with his father after that is up to him -- including telling dear old Dad he needs something in writing to guarantee he gets the business in the event of Dad's demise. (No one lives forever, as the saying goes.) If Dad refuses, your son will be better off looking for another job rather than waste any more of his time.

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DEAR ABBY: Almost 40 years ago, I betrayed a friend. She was a classmate, and we went to the same church. Along with others, I suggested she was someone who slept around and had an STD. At the time, I didn't even completely understand what an STD was; I just went along with the crowd. I have often regretted that day. I was never the kind of person to do that to someone. I have felt awful for publicly shaming her.

I tried reaching out to her on Facebook, but she will not acknowledge me. I really don't blame her. Our 40th class reunion is coming up soon, and I see on the class website she plans to be there. I would like to see some of our classmates, but I'm ashamed. With all my heart, I am sorry for what I did back then, but I am afraid she might call me out on it. What should I do?

ASHAMED IN TEXAS

DEAR ASHAMED: Stop stalking your former classmate on Facebook to soothe your guilty conscience. You may not have known back in high school what an STD was, but you were aware of the cruelty of slut-shaming. Attend the reunion, and if she "calls you out," apologize to her privately and hope she forgives you.

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DEAR VETERANS: For your service to our nation, I salute you. My thanks to each of you on this Veterans Day. You are the personification of patriotism, self-sacrifice and dedication to our country. I would also like to recognize your families for the sacrifices they, too, have made.—Love, ABBY

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People magazine names Paul Rudd as 2021's Sexiest Man Alive

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paul Rudd has been crowned as 2021's Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine.

Rudd, known for his starring roles in Marvel's "Ant-Man" films, "This is 40" and "Clueless," was revealed as this year's winner Tuesday night on CBS' "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

The actor tells the magazine in an issue out Friday that some will be surprised by him receiving the honor.

"I do have an awareness, enough to know that when people hear that I'd be picked for this, they would say, 'What?'" he said. "This is not false humility. There are so many people that should get this before me."

Rudd

But of course, Rudd won't turn down the honor. He jokingly hopes the new title will grant him an invitation to "those sexy dinners" with George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Michael B. Jordan—all recent winners.

Other past honorees include John Legend, Dwayne Johnson, Chris Hemsworth, Idris Elba, Adam Levine, Channing Tatum and David Beckham.

"I figure I'll be on a lot more yachts," Rudd said. "I'm excited to expand my yachting life. And I'll probably try to get better at brooding in really soft light. I like to ponder. I think this is going to help me become more inward and mysterious. And I'm looking forward to that."

Rudd's first major breakout performance came in the 1995's "Clueless," a cult classic starring Alicia Silverstone. He also made his mark in several comedies such as the "Anchorman" films, "The 40 Year Old Virgin" and "This is 40," a spin-off from the comedy "Knocked Up."

The actor reached superstar status in a slew of Marvel superhero films including "Ant-Man," "Ant-Man and the Wasp," "Captain America: Civil War" and "Avengers: Endgame." He'll star in the upcoming "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" and appear alongside Will Ferrell in the new Apple TV+ series "The Shrink Next Door," which premieres Nov. 12.

Rudd, 52, said his wife was initially "stupefied" after he told her the news. The couple has two kids, 17-year-old Jack and Darby, who is 12.

"But you know she was very sweet about it," he said of his wife, Julie, of 18 years. "After some giggling and shock, she said, 'Oh, they got it right.' And that was very sweet. She was probably not telling the truth, but what's she going to say?"

Get ready for more games: 'Squid Game' readies for Season 2

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The creator of Netflix's "Squid Game" says the hit TV series will be back for a season two, even though most TV shows in South Korea run for just one season. Due to the show's global success, Hwang Dong-hyuk said, "I almost feel like you leave us no choice."

"There's been so much pressure, so much demand and so much love for a second season," he said at a red carpet celebration for the show Monday night.

"It's in my head right now. I'm in the planning process currently. But I do think it's too early to say when and how that's going to happen. So I will promise you this, Gi-hun will be back and he'll do something for the world," explained Hwang.

Netflix has not formally announced a second season. The series, starring Lee Jung-jae as Seong Gi-hun and others in the ensemble cast, centers on people who are so desperate for money that they agree to take part in a series of schoolyard games with a deadly twist.

The dystopian survival drama from South Korea is said to have become Netflix's biggest-ever TV show. With that success has come global recognition for its stars.

Model-turned-actress Jung Ho-yeon is used to traveling for the fashion world. But this time when she flew from Korea to Los Angeles, she met her first fan at the airport, an immigration officer who asked her for her autograph.

Actor Park Hae-soo, who plays Jo Sang-woo in the series, said he "made the big decision" to start an Instagram account.

"Now I really wanted to communicate with the world and everybody, so I started my Instagram account," said Park.

The lead actor, Lee Jung-jae has been working in Korea for over 25 years. Now his life has changed because he's also recognized on the streets of America.

"That's amazing, right? People just go around and say hello," said Lee. "So I really don't know how to respond to all the love. It's so great to be able to meet the fans who have loved and watched the show so much."

The cast and creator all have dreams of working in a Hollywood production someday, with Jung jokingly calling out, "Hey guys, call our agent!"

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-22-006

Fiber Optic Internet Connectivity for CUC's Communications & Data Storage Network

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the installation of a Fiber Optic Internet Connectivity for CUC's Communications & Data Storage Network in CUC Saipan, CUC Tinian and CUC Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one package.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies of your submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-22-006: Fiber Optic Internet Connectivity for CUC's Communications & Data Storage Network"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. on November 26, 2021**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

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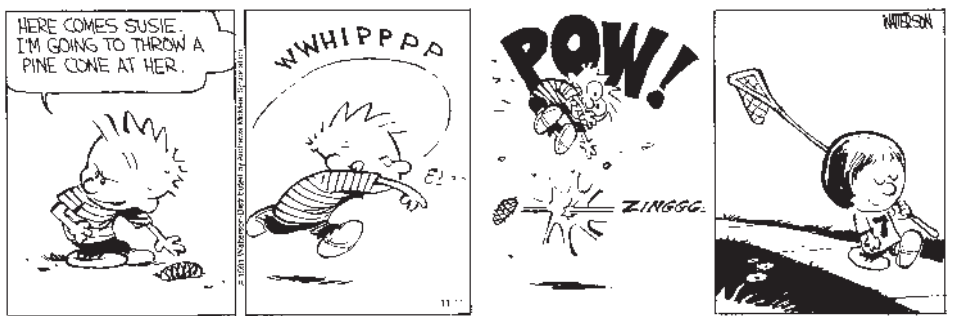
GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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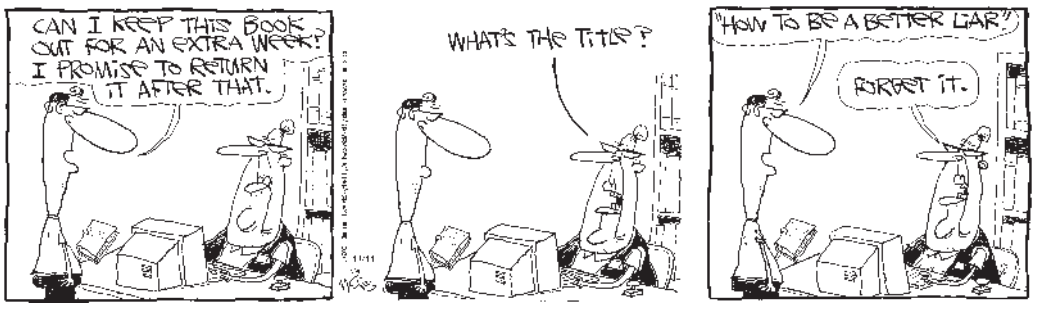
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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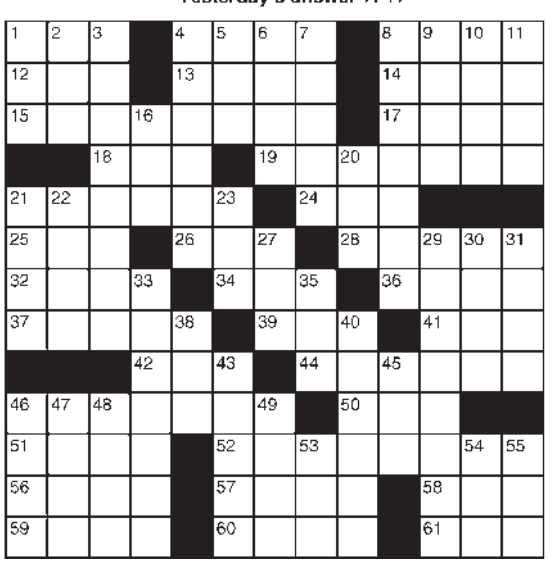

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Leonardo DiCaprio, 47; Adam Beach, 49; Demi Moore, 59; Marc Summers, 70.

Happy Birthday: Simplicity, moderation and truth will help you find your way from start to finish. Be concise, and leave nothing to chance. Do whatever it takes to keep your life free and clear of unnecessary complications, abundance and regret. Take the high road, and you'll have unique opportunities that will contribute to your life and well-being. Your numbers are 8, 19, 24, 29, 33, 37, 45.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Dig in and get things done. Your performance will be what makes a difference to onlookers. Move forward with confidence, and do what you do best. Don't overspend or exaggerate if you want to maintain a stellar reputation. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Size down, look for bargains and avoid promising more than you can deliver. Too much of anything will lead to unnecessary stress. Uncertainty or inconsistency will not help you win support or favors. Preparation is essential if you want success to follow. ✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* An intellectual approach to whatever you do, hard work and a positive attitude will help you excel. The research you do and the information you offer will boost your reputation and build your confidence. Don't let jealousy become a problem. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Participate in a cause that concerns you. You will face opposition but, in the end, it will give you a sense of satisfaction that you did something to stand up for your beliefs. A romantic gesture will be well-received. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* A change at home results from your professional goals and the people you deal with daily. Don't exaggerate or procrastinate. It's essential to keep everyone updated to balance both personal and professional objectives. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Make positive changes. Don't get involved in someone's lofty scheme. Look out for your interests, and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Discard what is no longer of use to you, and step away from people who drag you down instead of propping you up. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* You need to destress. Having downtime, getting back to basics and letting go of things you cannot change will help you rethink your strategy moving forward. Go over your budget, and tighten up your lifestyle to fit your financial goals. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Research will pay off. Diversity is the spice of life and will help you stay balanced and informed. Be an observer and a reluctant spender. Listen to experts, but let your gut decide your fate. Embrace what makes you feel passionate. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't get ahead of yourself. Take a moment to look over the logistics and expenses of your plans. Evaluate the pros and cons, and revamp your project before you commit to something that can tax you financially. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Pay attention to how you feel, look and handle emotional matters. Adjust your time, and focus your energy on what makes the most sense. How you manage work ethics and keeping up with responsibilities and personal chores will influence your emotional well-being. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep a tight rein on money matters. Having an unrealistic view of what's possible will leave you falling short. Stick to basics, and you'll manage to get what's necessary out of the way without losing ground. Physical activity will ease stress. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take a creative approach to work, and you will stand out. Factor in expense, and you'll come up with a cost-efficient and popular plan among your peers. A change of status looks promising, and financial gain is within reach. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are active, aware and possessive. You are bighearted and persistent.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

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Yesterday's Answer: Mushroom

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Rodgers stands by remarks, admits being misleading on status

By STEVE MEGARGEE
AP SPORTS WRITER

Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) throws during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, in Glendale, Ariz. AP

Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said Tuesday he stands behind the comments he made last week about why he didn't get vaccinated for COVID-19, but acknowledges misleading some people about his status before testing positive.

Rodgers spoke on "The Pat McAfee Show" on YouTube and SiriusXM, four days after discussing on the same outlet his reasons for avoiding a vaccine. Rodgers tested positive Wednesday, was unavailable to play in the Packers' 13-7 loss Sunday at Kansas City and remains quarantined in his Green Bay home.

"I shared an opinion that's polarizing," Rodgers said. "I get it. And I misled some people about my status, which I take full responsibility of, those comments. But in the end, I have to stay true to who I am and what I'm about. I stand behind the things that I said."

Later Tuesday, the NFL fined the Packers $300,000 and issued $14,650 fines to Rodgers and wide receiver Allen Lazard for violations of league and players' union protocols. ESPN first reported the fines.

When he was asked about his vaccination status in an Aug. 26 news conference, Rodgers replied by saying, "Yeah, I'm immunized."

Rodgers had said Friday he sought alternative treatments rather than the NFL-endorsed vaccinations because he is allergic to an ingredient in the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. He didn't specify the ingredient.

The three-time NFL MVP said he didn't want the Johnson & Johnson vaccine after hearing of multiple people who'd had adverse reactions to it. Rodgers also said he was worried about potential fertility issues from getting one of these three vaccines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is no evidence COVID-19 vaccines cause fertility problems in men or women and that vaccinations are recommended for people who want to have children.

"I made some comments that people might have felt were misleading," Rodgers said. "To anybody who felt misled by those comments, I take full responsibility for those comments."

Rodgers didn't specify the comments he was referencing at the time. But about 20 minutes later, he acknowledged that he had misled some people about his vaccination status.

The COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the U.S. were tested in tens of thousands of people and proven to be both safe and effective at dramatically reducing the risk of serious disease and death. Serious side effects are extremely rare — and any risk is far lower than the risks posed by COVID-19.

The NFL determined in its review that Rodgers and Lazard attended a Halloween party while unvaccinated. League protocols prohibit unvaccinated players from gathering outside of the club facility in a group of more than three players.

While Rodgers has appeared at news conferences unmasked regularly, a review of video from the club facility showed no widespread or systemic mask-wearing violations aside from a few isolated incidents involving Rodgers and Lazard. The Packers were fined in part because they knew about the protocol violations at the Halloween party but didn't discipline either player or inform the league.

League officials warned the Packers that future violations could lead to more disciplinary measures including a possible change in draft position or loss of picks.

In his radio show appearance Tuesday, Rodgers emphasized that he realizes the gravity of the pandemic and its impact. Rodgers had talked Friday about being "in the crosshairs of the woke mob" and wanting to tell his side of the story "before my final nail gets put in my cancel culture casket."

"I understand that people are suffering," Rodgers said. "This has been a really difficult time for the last two years on so many people. We all know individuals who've lost their lives personally, people who've lost their businesses, their livelihoods. Their way of life has been altered completely. And I empathize with those things. I also know how sports cam be such a connector and bring people together in times of adversity. I do realize that I am a role model to a lot of people."

After Rodgers made his comments Friday, Wisconsin-based Prevea Health said it had ended its nine-year partnership with the veteran quarterback. Prevea Health's announcement said it was a mutual parting.

State Farm issued a statement Monday saying it disagrees with some of Rodgers' statements, but respects his right to have his own opinion, an indication it would keep its relationship with one of its biggest celebrity endorsers. State Farm's statement says it encourages vaccinations but noted that Rodgers "has been a great ambassador for our company for much of the past decade."

Rodgers said he doesn't feel a need to address the commentary that has followed his remarks about why he didn't get vaccinated.

"I'm an athlete," Rodgers said. "I'm not an activist. I'm going to get back to doing what I do best, and that's playing ball. I shared my opinion. It wasn't one that was come to frivolously. It involved a lot of study and what I felt like was in my best interest for my body. Further comments, I'm going to keep to myself and my doctors."

Rodgers, who turns 38 on Dec. 2, says he's feeling better and that he believes there's only a small possibility he wouldn't be available for Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks. The earliest Rodgers could return to the team is Saturday.

"I'm feeling really good," he said. "I'm definitely fortunate to have the type of care that I've been able to have. I know it's special and it's helped me get through this better. I also know it hasn't been like that for everybody. I know this is a difficult time for so many people dealing with COVID. It's been a tough two years for a lot of people. This has definitely been a time of reflection."

Chubb tests positive for COVID-19, could miss NE game

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Browns didn't have much time to celebrate their biggest win this season before being hit with another off-field issue.

Star running back Nick Chubb was placed on the COVID-19/reserve list Tuesday after testing positive and could miss this week's game at New England, the latest obstacle for a Cleveland team that spent last week working out a separation with Odell Beckham Jr.

One of the NFL's best backs, Chubb was placed on the list along with rookie running back/wide receiver Demetric Felton.

The Browns have had four positive tests in the past two days after having few problems most of this season.

It's still possible that Chubb and Felton, who are both vaccinated, could play against the Patriots this week as long as they're symptom free and have two negative tests separated by 24 hours.

Cleveland will practice Wednesday and the team said its media availabilities will revert to being virtual for now due to more restrictive protocols.

Last week, the Browns (5-4) spent several days dealing with a major distraction caused by Beckham Jr., who was excused from the team and then ultimately released.

Cleveland tuned out the Beckham drama and played its most complete game on Sunday while blowing out the Cincinnati Bengals 41-16.

Chubb's situation is the newest dilemma.

"It's like for every good news, there's something bad that happens," said guard Wyatt Teller, who Tuesday signed a four-year, $56.8 million contract extension. "What is this, the world? But no, it sucks. I hope the best for them. I think they were vaxxed.

"I really hope they're back quickly, no symptoms. Let's just hope that it was very minor. I wouldn't wish that on my enemy. It does suck, but that's something for them to handle and them to work on."

The Browns had major issues with the coronavirus last season. Coach Kevin Stefanski had to miss Cleveland's first playoff game since 2003 when he tested positive a few days before the wild-card matchup at Pittsburgh.

The team also played without most of its wide receivers against the New York Jets because of a COVID-19 outbreak.

Beckham clears waivers, free agent can sign with any team

By TOM WITHERS
AP SPORTS WRITER

Odell Beckham Jr. wanted freedom and got his wish.

A disappointment and distraction before being released by the Cleveland Browns, Beckham cleared NFL waivers without being claimed Tuesday and can now sign as a free agent with any team.

Beckham was let go by the Browns on Monday, closing the book on a tumultuous week and his 2 1/2 seasons with the club. He was eligible to be grabbed by the other 31 teams, but none wanted to pick up the remaining $7.25 million he's owed this season.

Beckham's agent, Zeke Sandhu, and the Browns restructured his contract last week, dropping the final, non-guaranteed two years. Cleveland must pay him $4.25 million, but will save $3 million.

Obviously, the 29-year-old Beckham, who pushed hard this offseason to come back from knee surgery, would prefer to sign with a contender to have a shot at playing in a Super Bowl—a situation he thought he had with Cleveland.

On Monday, Seattle coach Pete Carroll teased about Beckham possibly landing with the Seahawks.

"You'll have to wait and see how this all goes," Carroll said. "I didn't say yes, or I didn't say no. That's just 'cause—you'll see."

The Browns grew tired of Beckham's attitude and cut ties with the three-time Pro Bowler. Although he was reunited with former LSU teammate and close friend, wide receiver Jarvis Landry, Beckham was never truly happy in Cleveland.

He asked to be traded and never developed an on-field connection with Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield. Beckham essentially forced his release last week when his father shared an 11-minute video on social media—hours before the trade deadline—of plays in which Mayfield didn't pass him the ball.

That was followed by NBA superstar LeBron James tweeting his support of Beckham with the hashtag: #FREEOBJ.

The Browns excused Beckham from practice for three days while setting up the conditions for his release.

Antetokounmpo, Allen lead Bucks past short-handed 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points and 16 rebounds, Grayson Allen scored 25 points and hit a key 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter, and the Milwaukee Bucks held off the short-handed Philadelphia 76ers 118-109 on Tuesday night.

Bobby Portis added 19 points for the NBA champions, who played a day after celebrating the franchise's first title in 50 years with a trip to visit President Joe Biden at the White House. The Bucks won for just the second time in the last seven.

"Always feels good to get a win," Antetokounmpo said. "I was just trying to be competitive and trying to do whatever it takes to get a win. That's what my team wants me to do, that's what my team needs me to do."

Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said Antetokounmpo took his game to another level.

"I think he had that extra competitiveness tonight," Budenholzer said. "He made some plays that are special. He can do some unique things, and he did it multiple times tonight. There was just that extra desire, that extra competitive gear that he needed, that we needed."

Tyrese Maxey scored 31 points for the 76ers, who played without four-time All-Star Joel Embiid for the second straight game. Embiid was one of four 76ers out due to the NBA's health and safety protocols, along with Tobias Harris, Matisse Thybulle and Isaiah Joe.

Seth Curry (left foot contusion) also sat for the 76ers, and Ben Simmons (personal reasons) hasn't played all season.

All of the absences led Philadelphia general manager Daryl Morey to tweet Tuesday afternoon that "the hits just keep on comin"

But the 76ers left the court in defeat to applause from the normally demanding home crowd, which recognized the strong effort put forth by a Philadelphia team that started Shake Milton, Maxey, Furkan Korkmaz, Paul Reed and Andre Drummond.

"The energy in the arena is unreal," said Georges Niang, who scored 21 points off the bench.

Still, Niang is looking for more than moral victories.

"I think everybody's here to win," he said. "We know we're short-handed, but we have to clean up some things in the fourth quarter."

Philadelphia took its last lead of the contest on Maxey's bank shot that made it 102-101 with 5:43 left. Consecutive 3-pointers by Portis and Pat Connaughton put the Bucks ahead 107-102, and Allen all but sealed it with a 3 that put the Bucks up 114-107 with 1:30 to play.

Milwaukee Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) reacts during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers, Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, in Philadelphia. AP

"Grayson did a great job of getting to the right spot," said Antetokounmpo, who assisted the key basket.

The Bucks led by eight early in the third on George Hill's follow shot, but Philadelphia didn't wilt. The 76ers went ahead 90-89 on Danny Green's 3-pointer with 1:49 left in the third and finished the period in front 93-91 thanks to Drummond's tip of Maxey's miss with 1.5 ticks remaining.

Drummond had 17 points and 20 rebounds, and Milton scored 20 points.

Jazz 110, Hawks 98

In Salt Lake City, Donovan Mitchell scored 27 points to lead the Utah Jazz to a 110-98 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

Bojan Bogdanovic and Jordan Clarkson added 16 points apiece for the Jazz. Rudy Gobert grabbed 14 rebounds. Utah shot 51% from the field to beat Atlanta for the second time in five days.

Kevin Huerter scored 28 points and Trae Young added 27 for the Hawks. Cam Reddish had 16 points, while Clint Capela finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Atlanta lost despite shooting 51% from 3-point range.

The Jazz scored baskets on seven straight possessions at one point in the second quarter and shot 12 of 18 from the field during the period to break open a close game.

Mitchell and Mike Conley bookended an 8-0 spurt with 3-pointers to give the Jazz a 62-45 lead heading into the final minute before halftime.

Atlanta nearly erased the deficit entirely with an 11-2 run to open the third quarter. John Collins, Huerter, and Young hit 3-pointers on three straight possessions to punctuate the spurt and trim Utah's lead to 64-61.

Mitchell took over to prevent the Hawks from taking their first lead since the first quarter. He made a pair of baskets and fed Gobert for a dunk to help the Jazz extend their lead to 75-64.

Huerter hit a fadeaway jumper as Atlanta cut the deficit to 82-75. Mitchell and Royce O'Neale drove for back-to-back layups to ignite a 13-2 run that snuffed out the Hawks' comeback attempt. Conley capped the run with a layup that put Utah ahead 95-77.

Atlanta made one last run and cut the deficit to 100-93 after Lou Williams sank a 3-pointer and fed Capela for an alley-oop layup. That's as close as the Hawks got. Back-to-back 3s from Mitchell and Clarkson, followed by a turnaround hook shot from Hassan Whiteside, boosted the Jazz lead to 108-93 with 5:19 left.

Clippers 117, Trail Blazers 109

In Los Angeles, Paul George scored 24 points, Reggie Jackson added 23 and the Los Angeles Clippers extended their winning streak to five Tuesday night, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 117-109.

Nicolas Batum added a season-high 22 points for the Clippers, who are 6-4 after losing four of their first five to start the season.

George, the reigning Western Conference player of the week, played only 33 minutes after getting into foul trouble midway through the third quarter. Despite the decreased playing time, he was near a triple-double with nine rebounds and seven assists.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 27 points and Norman Powell scored 23. Jusuf Nurkic had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Trail Blazers, who are winless in their first five road games.

The Clippers had an 83-79 lead going into the fourth quarter before going on a 13-6 run to take control. They would extend the lead to 12 in the final minute.

The third meeting between the teams was close compared to the first two. The Clippers won by 30 (116-86) on Oct. 25 before the Trail Blazers countered with a 111-92 victory four nights later.

Jokic suspended 1 game, Morris and Butler fined

MIAMI (AP)—After Denver's Nikola Jokic and Miami's Markieff Morris hit one another, the NBA hit back.

And the reigning MVP took the worst of that.

Jokic has been suspended one game for shoving Morris in the back, the league announced Tuesday night. That means Jokic won't play on Wednesday when the Nuggets host Indiana.

Morris won't be playing on Wednesday, either: The Heat said he has a neck injury, diagnosed as whiplash, and has been ruled out from Miami's matchup at the Los Angeles Lakers.

Morris was fined $50,000 for his role in the mess, and Heat forward Jimmy Butler drew a $30,000 fine "for attempting to escalate the altercation and failing to comply with an NBA Security interview as part of the review process pertaining to an on-court matter," the league said.

The NBA's decision was the last salvo in a wild day following Monday night's scuffle in Denver, one that prompted the brothers of the two players who had the starring roles in the dustup to take their anger to Twitter.

"It's a situation that I think we'll all learn from, not allowing emotions to get the best of us," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said Tuesday, a few hours before the decision by NBA President of League Operations Byron Spruell was announced.

Emotions were clearly not under control Monday night.

It all started late in the Denver-Miami game, shortly after the Heat ire was raised when no call was made after they thought Jokic fouled Bam Adebayo. Morris stopped play a few seconds later by intentionally crashing into Jokic from the side, a foul that referees called flagrant.

Jokic then blindsided Morris with a hard shove from behind. Heat players were livid at what they perceived to be a cheap shot from Jokic, and so was Marcus Morris—Markieff Morris' twin and fellow NBA player.

"A stupid play," Jokic conceded. "I feel bad."

It all adds up to an ugly mess for the NBA, which surely wasn't thrilled by either foul or any of the shenanigans that followed, including a scene captured in a photo from the Denver Post that showed Heat players lined up outside their locker room postgame, not far from the Denver locker room. The newspaper reported that Butler "yelled down the hallway, telling Nuggets players they know where Miami's bus was parked."

And then it became a family affair.

"Waited till bro turned his back smh. NOTED," Marcus Morris tweeted.

Jokic has two older brothers, Strahinja and Nemanja Jokic. They got attention during last season's playoffs when matters between Jokic and Phoenix's Devin Booker got heated; Jokic wound up getting ejected and his brothers had to be held back in the stands.

They joined Twitter on Tuesday, and their first tweet was directed at Marcus Morris.

"You should leave this the way it is instead of publicly threatening our brother!Your brother made a dirty play first . If you want to make a step further be sure we will be waiting for you !! Jokic Brothers," they tweeted.

The tweet went viral right away, and a few hours later Marcus Morris returned to Twitter—apparently after getting a talking-to from his mother, Angel Morris.

"Momma said don't talk on social media no more! Well There you have it. I love you momma," Marcus Morris wrote.

That vow of Twitter silence lasted all of 47 minutes.

Marcus Morris, responding to a tweet from former NFL standout and current television commentator Shannon Sharpe defending Jokic, quickly returned to social media and told Sharpe to "shut ... up."

Predictably, each side saw dirtiness in the play through its own prism.

"That was a very dangerous, dirty play," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said of Jokic's hit.

"Dirty foul," was Malone's assessment of Markieff Morris' play.

Denver visits Miami on Nov. 29. The Nuggets don't face the Clippers, Marcus Morris' team, again until Dec. 26.

Triton Esports to host three-weekend Luck n' Load tournament

Triton Esports at the University of Guam invites esports enthusiasts of all ages in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands to compete in its Luck n' Load tournament series starting this Saturday. The series will span three weekends, featuring the games Teamfight Tactics, Rainbow Six Siege, and Call of Duty Mobile. More than $1,000 in prizes are up for grabs for each winning team.

"Players can expect elements of luck, skill, and strategy," said Jose Santiago, event coordinator. "We'll be featuring some first-time games within Triton Esports as well."

The last rounds of each game will be streamed live on the Triton Esports Twitch channel for fans to watch. Local shoutcasters will analyze the matches and provide commentary.

Tournament schedule:

- **Teamfight Tactics**
  1pm on Saturday, Nov. 13
  Team size: 1
  Platform: PC or mobile
  Tournament type: Swiss
- **Rainbow Six Siege**
  1pm on Saturday, Nov. 20
  Team size: 5
  Platform: PC only
  Tournament type: Swiss
- **Call of Duty Mobile**
  1pm on Saturday, Nov. 27
  Team size: 5
  Platform: Mobile (iOS and Android only)
  Tournament type: Single elimination

Prizes and giveaways

At the end of each tournament, Triton Esports will be giving away $25 gift cards to Geek-out as well as gift bags from MacTech to viewers in the chatroom of the Triton Esports Twitch channel. First-place winners will take home $1,000 worth of PC and mobile gear.

Triton Esports student athlete Phillip "QUE" Quenga competes in a Valorant tournament. The Triton Esports program will be hosting a three-weekend esports tournament on Nov. 13, Nov. 20, and Nov. 27 that is open to the public. UOG

Registration

Competitors can register for free and find event rules at https://esports.uog.edu/tournament/luck-n-load/. Registration will close one day before each game.

At least one member per team must reside in Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands. Registrants under the age of 18 must have their parents or legal guardian sign a form permitting them to participate. ***(PR)***

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	8	4	.667	–
Brooklyn	7	4	.636	½
New York	7	4	.636	½
Toronto	6	5	.545	1½
Boston	4	6	.400	3

Southeast Division

Miami	7	3	.700	–
Washington	7	3	.700	–
Charlotte	5	7	.417	3
Atlanta	4	8	.333	4
Orlando	3	8	.273	4½

Central Division

Chicago	7	3	.700	–
Cleveland	7	4	.636	½
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2½
Indiana	4	7	.364	3½
Detroit	1	8	.111	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	7	3	.700	–
Memphis	6	4	.600	1
San Antonio	3	7	.300	4
Houston	1	9	.100	6
New Orleans	1	10	.091	6½

Northwest Division

Utah	8	3	.727	–
Denver	6	4	.600	1½
Portland	5	6	.455	3
Oklahoma City	3	6	.333	4
Minnesota	3	6	.333	4

Pacific Division

Golden State	9	1	.900	–
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2½
L.A. Clippers	6	4	.600	3
L.A. Lakers	6	5	.545	3½
Sacramento	5	6	.455	4½

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	235	118
New England	5	4	0	.556	230	170
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	144	251
Miami	2	7	0	.222	155	242

South

Tennessee	7	2	0	.778	255	211
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	245	213
Jacksonville	2	6	0	.250	132	209
Houston	1	8	0	.111	128	258

North

Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	221	195
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	161	169
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	236	203
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	224	196

West

L.A. Chargers	5	3	0	.625	199	201
Las Vegas	5	3	0	.625	196	189
Denver	5	4	0	.556	187	153
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	221	227

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	6	2	0	.750	241	192
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216
Philadelphia	3	6	0	.333	227	218
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227

South

Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	3	0	.625	201	155
Atlanta	4	4	0	.500	175	220
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	171	183

North

Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	199	180
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	194	191
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	224
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244

West

Arizona	8	1	0	.889	277	155
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	261	196
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	185	202
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saipan Baseball League president Jay Santos gives players trying out for the national team a pep talk after Day 1 of tryouts last Saturday. MARK RABAGO

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batting, and throwing" he said, adding that they eventually will pare down the selection to 20 players with 10 alternates or practice players.

Coaches Deron Flores and Gary Cruz, meanwhile, thanked the 30 players who woke up bright and early to participate in the first day of the tryouts.

"We just want to thank all the ballplayers that came out. We'd like to thank Saipan Baseball League as this has been a long time coming. Our national pastime is baseball and as you can see with the participation today. These guys have the passion, the blood, the heart to play ball," said Flores.

While baseball in the CNMI has encountered many challenges the past couple of years, Flores assured that he, Sablan, and Cruz will do their best to defend the Mini Games gold medal next year.

"We've always said this in the past, the CNMI may not have all the height, but we have the heart to play ball and we're gonna make sure—with our manager and our coaches—that we're gonna get the boys game-ready for the 2022 Mini Games."

Tudela said his initial goal was just get the guys moving in Day 1 of the tryouts.

"Nothing too serious we just opened up their lungs and get a couple of stretches and see how they move. It wasn't to break them or anything. We're just trying to get them in baseball shape so when they start playing baseball they can at least be at their physical best to play the game. I'm not gonna be teaching them how to play baseball that's for the national team coaches to do," he said.

Among the players who tried out, there was a mix of excitement and relief that baseball is finally back after 2-3 years of absence due to Super Typhoon Yutu and the COVID-19 pandemic.

"First day back after a couple of years it was hard but it was good. We're slowly getting started. It's great to see the boys out. Yeah, it's a good feeling knowing that baseball is coming back. I'm excited that it's starting again," said Tyrone Omar, who admitted he'd done absolutely nothing associated with baseball because of the coronavirus.

Ben Jones said he feels like young again playing his favorite sport.

"It's great to come back. It feels like the first day of Little League All-Star practice. I'm not even in the team yet so I got to earn my spot here. I got to come in and grind. I'm very happy to see all the boys that came out. We're missing a lot more boys so if you guys hear it, please come out because we have to represent our CNMI team and defend our hometown," he said.

Jones added while baseball is not officially back, he's just happy to be in a baseball field again.

"I can't really tell you how happy I am right now I'm so ecstatic to be here I couldn't really sleep last night. It's so good to come back here and play. Right now the only thing I could predict is the CNMI will come out and push hard in practice."

Nathan Smith, a veteran of the Micronesian Baseball Classic, said it was a good Day 1 of the tryouts.

"It was a good first practice. A lot of us are feeling the long offseason because it's been awhile since we last played. The last time we played competitively was in the Micronesian Baseball Classic in January 2020. It's been a little while so it's really good to go out here and get our bodies moving and get ready for this."

The former varsity high school baseball player from Southern California said the tryouts made sense considering there's hasn't been a Saipan Baseball League season the past couple of years.

"Like the coaches earlier said, usually the selection process is done at the end of the SBL season. But we didn't have that. It's usually based on your performance during the league and stats during the season but it's almost two years since we have competitively played here. So it makes sense to have this tryout process," he said.

SBL Jay Santos also gave a pep talk to the players trying out where he assured them that they all have his and the SBL board's full support.

"We assure you we will give you all the tools you need to succeed. That's my responsibility and that's the board's responsibility. All we're asking is for you guys to make the sacrifice," he said.

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NMNPSF. In all, the organizing committee for next year's quadrennial event ordered 36 outrigger canoes—18 of the V6 type and 18 of the V1 type for single paddlers.

Wasting no time, members of the *va'a* national team training pool immediately rigged two of the V6 and transformed them into a V12. Andrew said they did so as the V12 configuration works better in building techniques and blending among paddlers.

Saipan Paddling Club, Napu Outrigger Canoe Club, Marianas Outrigger Club, and Marianas Pacific Paddlers make up the clubs under the NMNPSF.

At 294 athletes, va'a has so far the most athletes confirmed for next year's Mini Games. It was originally not included in the calendar of sports events for next year's Mini Games.

The CNMI was only expected to host six events—athletics, badminton, baseball, beach volleyball, golf, and triathlon—as a condition for pushing through with the quadrennial following the devastation brought about by Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018.

Later on, the Torres administration asked the Pacific Games Council to add another three sports events—vaa, tennis, and weightlifting—to increase the sports calendar of the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 to nine.

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far you can go was really interesting. I would say the main benefit of bodybuilding is the discipline it gives you, you have to be disciplined to always be on top of training, what you're eating, etc."

Berueco, who is studying to become a personal trainer, said the COVID-19 pandemic was a hurdle whenever he tried to train, but thankfully the gyms eventually opened up and he was able to go full throttle.

He also dedicated the victory to all his family and friends and everyone who supported him while training for Dee Clayton Classic.

"I would like to especially thank my mom and dad—Malou and Julian. They helped me much more than I could ask for. I am very thankful for them."

Results of the classic physique category of the 2021 Dee Clayton Classic will be published in tomorrow's issue of *Saipan Tribune*.

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30 show up for first day of tryouts

A total of 30 players showed up for the first day of tryouts at the Oleai Sports Complex for the CNMI National Baseball Team for next year's Pacific Mini Games. MARK RABAGO

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The CNMI's quest to defend its gold medal in next year's Pacific Mini Games on home turf formally started last Saturday when a total of 30 players showed up for the first day of tryouts at the Oleai Sports Complex.

While CNMI Baseball National Team manager Manny Sablan was encouraged with the turnout on Day 1 of the tryouts, he expects the number to grow as they continue their tryouts during the next few weeks.

"I think there's still more of them who didn't make it today. But will see on Monday because we set a schedule—Monday, Wednesday, Friday. It starts at 6pm until 7:30pm… I'm impressed [with those who showed up]. A lot of them I played with during the all-stars throughout the years. We're looking at selecting the best of the best," he said.

Reiterating what SBL president Jay Santos said earlier, Sablan said the first order of business during the start of the tryouts is to get the players back in baseball shape and that's where strength and conditioning coach Joey Tudela comes in.

"Coach Joey will start with conditioning first and then probably on the third week, will try to squeeze it on a Saturday, we will start to see their skills on the field—fielding,

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Va'a to start tryouts after PSS classes resume

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The umbrella organization of outrigger canoe in the CNMI has rescheduled the start of tryouts for the national team for next year's Pacific Mini Games.

Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation president Justin Andrew said the tryouts will most probably start the weekend after the Public School System resumes face-to-face classes on Monday, Nov. 15.

"…very likely it will be the next weekend, Saturday, [after classes resume]," he said.

Andrew earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that they postponed the start of tryouts originally scheduled last Oct. 31 after three PSS students tested positive for COVID-19 last Oct. 28.

"Unfortunately, we have temporarily halted our team workout sessions, including the tryout/time trial session…we followed the issued PSS timeline of 10 days… we anticipate to return back next week...or when an all's clear for PSS is issued," he said.

PSS eventually extended their temporary shift to face-to-face learning another week to allow the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to conduct contact tracing following the local spread of the coronavirus.

Andrew also gave an update on their national team pool training in advance of the CNMI's first hosting of the Pacific Mini Games.

"Every month since we began training/tryouts at the end of July we have slightly adjusted routines for cardio/strengthening and paddle techniques. So for the month of November, we increased intensity of cardio/strengthening and added one more day on the V12 during weekdays besides our usual Saturday morning. We will adjust this in December and so on," he said.

Last Oct. 17, the Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 Organizing Committee turned over two new V6 outrigger canoes to Andrew and NMNPSF.

The two canoes were part of the four they turned over to the

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The Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation has rescheduled the start of tryouts for the *va'a* national team for next year's Pacific Mini Games to Nov. 27. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

First-timer wins tall physique category

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For Jolo Berueco, first time was the charm during last Saturday's 2021 Dee Clayton Classic at the Saipan World Resort.

The 21-year-old topped the men's physique tall category after getting a perfect 9 points from judges Jonas Barcinas, Dan Chase, and Ferdinand Lagmay. Bernard Lopez received 5 points to finish runner-up with John Jimeno completing the Top 3 with 4 points. Jovie Tuquero won the teen men's physique title with 3 points as the lone participant of the category.

"This was actually my first bodybuilding competition! I was pretty surprised because I really wasn't expecting anything from doing my first show. I just wanted to join for the experience," said Berueco, a Northern Marianas College graduate of business management.

He said he's been training seriously for about a year now and for last Saturday's show he dieted for 16 weeks

"I took up bodybuilding because I found that it was really fun training and the idea of pushing your body to its limits and seeing how

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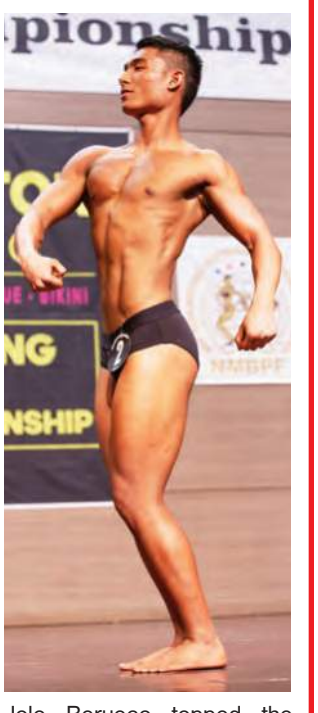

Jolo Berueco topped the physique tall category of the 2021 Dee Clayton Classic last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort. LAO ZHANG